1	BEFORE THE						
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION						
3	IN THE MATTER OF:						
4	AMERICANA TOWERS,)						
5	Complainant,)						
6	vs.) No. 05-0415						
7	COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY,)						
8	Respondent.)						
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- 1 (Whereupon, ComEd Exhibits Nos.
- 2 1.0 & 1.1-1.16 were marked for
- identification.)
- 4 JUDGE GILBERT: Pursuant to the authority of
- 5 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket
- $6 \quad 05-0415.$
- 7 If I could have the appearances for
- 8 the record, please, beginning with the complainant.
- 9 MR. MUNSON: On behalf of the complainant,
- 10 Americana Towers Condominium Association,
- 11 Michael A. Munson from the Law Office of
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- 13 1800, Chicago, Illinois 60606.
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: On behalf of Commonwealth
- 15 Edison Company, Mark L. Goldstein, 108 Wilmot Road,
- 16 Suite 330, Deerfield, Illinois 60015. My telephone
- 17 number is 847-580-5480.
- 18 JUDGE GILBERT: All right. This is day 2 of
- 19 the evidentiary hearing in the case. Yesterday, the
- 20 complainant completed its case. And we heard from
- 21 Ms. Miller on behalf of the respondent, Commonwealth
- 22 Edison.

- 1 The two ComEd witnesses remaining and
- 2 my understanding now is that the next witness to
- 3 appear will be Mr. Geraghty.
- 4 Is there anything of a preliminary
- 5 nature anyone wants to state for the record before we
- 6 proceed with Mr. Geraghty?
- 7 MR. MUNSON: Yes, Judge. Counsel for ComEd has
- 8 informed me of Supreme Court Rule 3.3. Is that the
- 9 reg rule?
- 10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.
- MR. MUNSON: And yesterday we heard testimony
- 12 from Mr. Marshall Shiffren (phonetic) who stated on
- 13 the record that he is being compensated on a
- 14 contingent fee basis.
- 15 Counsel for ComEd informed me that as
- of Supreme Court Rule 3.3, it is my opinion that I do
- 17 think it applies. And I'm going to move forward with
- 18 the case.
- 19 JUDGE GILBERT: All right. Mr. Goldstein, is
- 20 Mr. Geraghty ready?
- 21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, he is, Judge.

- 1 (Witness sworn.)
- 2 DAVID F. GERAGHTY,
- 3 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- 4 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 5 EXAMINATION
- 6 BY
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN:
- 8 Q Mr. Geraghty, would you state your full
- 9 name and spell your last name for the record, please.
- 10 A David F. Geraghty, G-e-r-a-g-h-t-y.
- 11 Q And by whom are you employed and in what
- 12 capacity?
- 13 A I'm employed by Commonwealth Edison
- 14 Company. And I am in the rate department as a rate
- 15 design and administration manager.
- 16 O Let me show you a document that has been
- 17 marked as ComEd Exhibit 1.0 with the cover page for
- 18 this matter -- with the title, Rebuttal testimony of
- 19 David F. Geraghty. It has a cover page and 33 pages
- 20 following of questions and answers.
- Do you have that before you,
- 22 Mr. Geraghty?

- 1 A Yes, I do.
- 2 Q If I were to ask you the questions set
- 3 forth on those 33 pages, would your answer be the
- 4 same?
- 5 A Yes, they would.
- 6 Q Do you have any corrections or additions to
- 7 that testimony?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Let me show you what's been marked as
- 10 Exhibit 1.1. You have that in front of you?
- 11 A Yes, I do.
- 12 Q It is a one-page exhibit. What is the
- 13 source of this exhibit, Mr. Geraghty?
- 14 A I created this exhibit.
- 15 O And it discusses various information with
- 16 respect to the bill dates and information about
- 17 energy and demand that's relevant to this case; is
- 18 that right?
- 19 A Yes, it summarizes billing information from
- 20 bills that I received from Americana Towers.
- 21 Q Let's turn now to Respondent's 1.2, which
- is a one-page exhibit. And this -- as I gather -- is

- 1 a response to -- made by the complainant to a data
- 2 request No. 8 that ComEd propounded to the
- 3 complainant; is that right?
- 4 A Yes, it is.
- 5 Q Let's now turn to Respondent's Exhibit 1.3,
- 6 which is a four-page exhibit. Could you describe
- 7 what is contained on that exhibit?
- 8 A This exhibit is the general service rate 6,
- 9 tariff sheets that were dated effective March 15th,
- 10 1992, and various other pages also dated in 1992 as
- 11 the effective tariffs.
- 12 O And these are the effective tariffs of
- 13 Commonwealth Edison Company for the period that is
- 14 described in your testimony?
- 15 A Yes, they are.
- 16 O Let's turn to Exhibit 1.4.
- 17 JUDGE GILBERT: Let me make a suggestion
- 18 because we're going eventually to be dealing with
- 19 Exhibit 1.16, so there are several more exhibits to
- 20 qo. They're on file. I think we've all taken a look
- 21 at them. Unless anything is changing, why don't we
- 22 just move to admit.

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'll be happy to do that,
- 2 Judge.
- 3 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN:
- 4 Q Attached to your testimony, Mr. Geraghty,
- 5 are 16 exhibits, 1.1 through 1.16. These are the
- 6 exhibits that either are part of the books and
- 7 records of Commonwealth Edison Company or were
- 8 prepared by you or were provided as part of data
- 9 requests in this matter; is that right?
- 10 A Yes, they are.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: All right. I would then move
- into evidence, Judge, ComEd Exhibit 1.0, and 1.1
- 13 through 1.16. And Mr. Geraghty is available for
- 14 cross-examination.
- JUDGE GILBERT: All right. Is there any
- 16 objection?
- 17 MR. MUNSON: No.
- JUDGE GILBERT: All right. ComEd 1.0 and 1.1
- 19 through 1.16 are admitted.
- 20 (Whereupon, ComEd Exhibit
- No. 1.0 and 1.1 through 1.16
- were admitted into evidence.)

- JUDGE GILBERT: Ready for cross-examination?
- 2 MR. MUNSON: Yes, Judge.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Okay.
- 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 5 BY
- 6 MR. MUNSON:
- 7 Q Mr. Geraghty, please take a look at your
- 8 Exhibit 1.1. Please tell me what this is.
- 9 A Exhibit 1.1 is a summary of the bill
- 10 statements that were provided to ComEd by
- 11 Mr. Shiffren for a period of 1991 in October through
- 12 January of 1996.
- 13 And it also includes a load factor
- 14 analysis of those billing amounts for that period of
- 15 time.
- 16 Q For one set of meters, correct?
- 17 A It has the set of meters that were starting
- 18 out with meter number 979 if I can abbreviate the
- 19 meter, although other meters --
- 20 O Let's refer to that meter as 979.
- 21 A Okay. Although --
- 22 Q Subsequent --

- 1 A -- other meters --
- 2 O Yes.
- 3 A Other meters were put in place on
- 4 subsequent dates.
- 5 Q Now, did you use any other information
- 6 besides Mr. -- the bills provided by Mr. Shiffren to
- 7 construct this exhibit?
- 8 A I did not use any other information besides
- 9 those bills, the bill statements that were presented
- 10 to ComEd.
- 11 Q Okay. Now, let's take a representative
- month. Let's take February 11, 1993, through
- 13 March 16th, 1993; you see that?
- 14 A Yes, I do.
- 15 Q I'm sorry. Let me go back. This is
- 16 basically a load factor analysis. Can I term this
- 17 exhibit as that?
- 18 A This exhibit shows the load factor for each
- 19 of these bill periods --
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 A -- that we had information available to us.
- Q The load factor analysis, right?

- 1 A It shows load factors that were calculated
- 2 for the bill periods for the bill statements that we
- 3 had available to us to review.
- 4 Q Okay. Okay. Now, how -- what is a load
- 5 factor?
- 6 A Load factor is a calculation of the amount
- 7 of energy that a customer could use dependent on its
- 8 maximum demand.
- 9 So if a customer sets a demand at a
- 10 certain level, and were to use that demand for the
- 11 entire billing period, the load factor would be 100
- 12 percent.
- 13 If the customer were to use less than
- 14 that demand for the bill period at some points in
- 15 time, the load factor would not be 100 percent, it'd
- 16 be something less.
- 17 Q And a 50 percent load factor would indicate
- 18 what?
- 19 A It would indicate that the customer did not
- 20 utilize the demand level that they established in a
- 21 high half-hour period for the entire bill period.
- 22 Q I'm not trying to be tricky. I just want

- 1 to make sure we're clear here. A high half-hour
- period -- now, I honestly don't know this.
- 3 The time of day of the recorder
- 4 meters, are those interval meters in that they record
- 5 half-hour interval usage throughout the year?
- 6 A The meters that are recorder meters are
- 7 recording data on a half-hour basis.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A And --
- 10 Q They are? I'm sorry. They are recording
- 11 usage on a half-hour basis --
- 12 A Yes, they are.
- 13 Q -- the recorder meters. Okay. And the
- 14 time of day meters, the second meter in this exhibit,
- 15 the time of day meter, does that record --
- 16 A I'm not an expert on the meters themselves,
- 17 so I can't tell you for certainty how a time of day
- 18 meter is going to record.
- 19 Q Fair enough. But you were explaining what
- 20 a 50 percent load factor is. Can you say that again?
- 21 What would be -- what would constitute a 50 percent
- 22 load factor?

- 1 A What I was saying is that if a customer
- 2 does not utilize the half-hour demand that they set
- 3 for the entire bill period, at 100 percent of the
- 4 time, they will have a load factor less than 100
- 5 percent.
- 6 The calculation would be dependent on
- 7 how much they utilized during that bill period and if
- 8 it were to work out to 50 percent, that would be the
- 9 answer.
- 10 Q Okay. I think I understand. All right.
- 11 So is it fair to say from what you just said on the
- 12 first bill 10/10/91 to 12/12/91, a two month period,
- 13 that a 76 percent load factor that they used a demand
- of 91.8, 76 percent of the time?
- 15 A No, I would not say that. I think that
- just indicates that when you multiply the 91.8
- 17 kilowatts of demand times the number of hours that
- 18 were in the period that was reviewed, and that
- 19 becomes the denominator in this calculation.
- 20 And you look at the actual energy
- 21 usage of 105,000 over that period, you would have a
- load factor of 76 percent.

- 1 Q Okay. So take a look at February 11, 1993,
- 2 through March 16, 1993 on -- it's in the darkened
- 3 area, third of the way down to the darkened area; you
- 4 see that?
- 5 A Yes, I do.
- 6 Q Okay. And the kilowatt hours -- and the
- 7 month's demand for Meter 979 was for 298.8 kilowatts,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A That's what it shows.
- 10 Q And the kilowatt hour for that month was
- 11 171,240, correct?
- 12 A And that's what it shows.
- 13 Q The prior year -- if you look at
- 14 February 11th, '92 to March 13th, '92, you see that
- it also shows there was a peek demand of 90.6 KW,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A That's what it shows.
- 18 Q Now, associated kilowatt hours for that
- 19 2/11/92 to 3/13/92 period equals 55,800 kilowatt
- 20 hours, correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q The load factor for that is 83 percent for

- 1 that period February 11th, '92 to March 13th. That's
- 2 what Exhibit 1 shows, right?
- 3 A Yes, it does.
- 4 Q Okay. Now, for our purpose, do you have a
- 5 calculator on hand?
- 6 A Yes, I do.
- 7 Q Okay. Would you mind doing a calculation
- 8 for me. If you -- let's take the 1993 kilowatt hours
- 9 of 298.8 and subtract out the 1992 kilowatts.
- 10 I'm sorry. Not the kilowatts, take
- 11 the demand. Subtract 90.6 from 298.8.
- 12 A You're going to have to repeat the math
- 13 that you're asking me to do.
- 14 O I'm sorry?
- 15 A I did not do this math as part of my
- 16 testimony.
- 17 Q No, I know. That's what I'm asking you.
- 18 Please take the demand from February 11th, 1993 to
- 19 March 16th, 1993. That's a demand of 298.6. Is it
- 20 6? No, 298.8.
- Okay. Now, I'm asking you to subtract
- out the demand from the prior year, February 11, 1992

- 1 to March 13, '92 of 90.6.
- Okay. And that should equal 208.2; is
- 3 that correct?
- 4 A That's not what I came up with.
- 5 Okay. 208.2.
- 6 Q Okay. Okay. And so the 1993 respective
- 7 billing period increased 208 additional kilowatts
- 8 from the prior year; is that correct?
- 9 A The usage that was in 1993 was --
- 10 Q The demand?
- 11 A -- measured. The demand value was measured
- on the meter which is when the meter was tested.
- 13 Q That's not what I'm asking you. I'm saying
- 14 it used 208.2 additional kilowatts not used. It had
- 15 a demand of 208.2 additional kilowatts than the prior
- 16 year; isn't that true?
- 17 A Ameritech used -- sorry. Americana used
- 18 208.2 kilowatts of demand more in the year '93 than
- 19 they did in the year '92 for that period.
- 20 Q Okay. Now, that equates -- that 208.2
- 21 kilowatts equates to roughly 3.3 times as much
- 22 kilowatts as the prior year; isn't that correct?

- 1 A I didn't do that math.
- Q Well, why don't you do it. 3.3 times 90.6.
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Would you accept that subject
- 4 to check, Mr. Geraghty?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can.
- 6 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 7 O All right. So that's correct?
- 8 A I can accept that subject to check.
- 9 Q 3.3, you're free to check it. Simple
- 10 calculation, 90.6 times 3.3. Roughly, 3.3 times as
- 11 many kilowatts as the previous year.
- Now, let's do the same thing with
- 13 kilowatt hours. Okay? There's 171,240, cut to the
- 14 chase, minus 55,800. That equals 115,440 additional
- 15 kilowatt hours over and above the prior year's usage;
- 16 is that correct?
- 17 A Yes, it is.
- Q Okay. And that equates to roughly 3.1
- 19 times as many kilowatt hours as the previous year,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A I can accept that subject to check.
- Q Okay. So let's do a load factor analysis

- 1 for the additional kilowatts and kilowatt hours.
- Okay. So let's -- give me the math.
- 3 So if you -- and let me see if I have
- 4 the math correct. Okay. Let's take 115,440
- 5 additional kilowatt hours. And then you divide that
- 6 by 24 hours in a day, right? Times -- in this period
- 7 was 33 days in the billing period. Times the extra
- 8 demand, 208.2 kilowatts of demand.
- 9 Can you make that calculation?
- 10 A Well, I don't know the exact number of days
- 11 are the same in both bill periods, but I have a
- number of 164,894; is that what you have?
- 13 Q I'm sorry. I was doing -- what does that
- 14 164,000 equal?
- 15 A The 208.2, I think it was, times the
- 16 33 days that you said were in the bill period.
- 17 Q I think you misunderstood me. Can you do a
- 18 load factor? So I was thinking in terms of
- 19 percentage.
- 20 So what's the load factor on that
- 21 additional load. So if you take --
- 22 A I have not done these analyses.

- 1 Q No, I know. That's why --
- 2 A So therefore --
- 3 Q -- cross-examined. And I'm asking you the
- 4 questions, and I want you to make the calculations.
- 5 All right.
- 6 So let's do a load factor analysis on
- 7 that additional load. It's not trying to be tricky.
- 8 The numbers are there.
- 9 A Do you have a piece of scrap paper I can
- 10 look at here?
- 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Sure.
- 12 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 13 Q So let me make sure I have my math right.
- 14 To do a load factor for this additional load, you
- 15 take the additional kilowatt hours of 115,440, right?
- 16 You divide that by the sum of
- 17 24 hours; 24 hours in a day times -- in this billing
- 18 period -- 33 days in the billing period times the
- 19 additional demand, which is 208.2 KW, and that equals
- 20 what?
- 21 A I come up with 70 percent.
- 22 Q Thank you. And that's consistent with your

- 1 thoughts or your hypothesis and your testimony about
- 2 the meters having kilowatts and demand of usage with
- 3 a consistent load factor?
- 4 A Well, that's not the way I calculated
- 5 because I look at the entire usage during each of
- 6 these bill periods, so it's not consistent with the
- 7 way I calculated the load factors.
- 8 O I'm not -- that 70 percent is consistent
- 9 with the load factor for each month of Exhibit 1.1;
- 10 would you agree with that?
- 11 A There are quite a few months where the load
- 12 factor runs in that 70 percent range.
- 13 Q Okay. Fair enough. So in order to achieve
- 14 115,440 kilowatt hours, the entire 208 KW of
- 15 additional demand, would have to return an average of
- 16 70 percent of the hours in the billing period; is
- 17 that correct?
- 18 A The analysis would have to be done so that
- 19 you're looking at the entire bill period and
- 20 determining how often they were -- in essence, they
- 21 were utilizing energy, but the demand was already
- 22 established at the -- actually, at the 298.8 kilowatt

- 1 demand. And that was running at some value at some
- 2 percentage of the time.
- 3 Q A what percentage of the time? It's 70
- 4 percent, right? That's the load factor.
- 5 A In this case running approximately 70
- 6 percent of the time.
- 7 Q Okay. So 70 percent of hours in a 24-hour
- 8 period is what? You have a calculator. What's 24
- 9 times point 7?
- 10 A 16.8.
- 11 Q So in order to achieve 115,440 kilowatt
- 12 hours, the entire 200 plus KW of load would have to
- 13 run 16.8 hours a day on average for every day in that
- 14 33-day billing period, right?
- 15 A It would have to be running during that
- 16 billing period at some level that when you do the
- 17 load factor calculation --
- 18 O At what level?
- 19 A -- you would have to have roughly 70
- 20 percent of the time you're running --
- Q 16.8 hours a day on average, right?
- 22 A If it takes 16.8 hours a day to run that

- 1 kind of load, then, yes, that would be that many
- 2 hours.
- 3 Q Okay. So in rough numbers for the 9-month
- 4 period in question, with the same reasoning -- and we
- 5 can do this -- and I'll do it on brief -- but, almost
- 6 200 KWs of additional load would have to average
- 7 16 hours a day for 270 days consecutively to reach
- 8 that load factor that you calculated for each of
- 9 those nine months; is that correct?
- 10 A What's correct is that the meters register
- 11 the loads that are being shown here on the bills.
- 12 Q That's not what I asked you. I asked you,
- 13 utilizing the same reasoning of the calculations we
- 14 went through before -- and we can do it again if you
- 15 don't understand it -- is that in order to achieve
- 16 this 200 KW of additional load on these meters for
- 17 that 9-month period, you would have to run that 200
- 18 KW an average of roughly 16 hours a day for 270 days,
- 19 correct?
- 20 A They would have to run the loads a certain
- 21 number of hours per day.
- Q How many hours?

- 1 A How many hours that is would depend on the
- 2 bill periods each month and what the load factors
- 3 were each month.
- 4 Q All right. Well, why don't you do me a
- 5 favor and take some time and calculate that out. And
- 6 tell me what that is utilizing your numbers on
- 7 Exhibit 1.1?
- 8 A I can see from the Exhibit 1.1 that it
- 9 averages in the -- about 72 percent down to around 66
- 10 percent.
- 11 Q Sure --
- 12 A There were a couple months where the
- 13 load --
- 14 O Take the low end --
- 15 A There's a couple months below that 153
- 16 percent and 134 percent.
- 17 O Okay. So take the low end.
- 18 A The 34 percent?
- 19 Q You know, do the math. I'm saying on
- 20 average, you would agree that if you had 200 KWs of
- 21 additional load, you would have to average 16 hours a
- 22 day for this 9-month period to reach the load factor

- of those additional KWs and Kwh; is that correct?
- 2 A The additional load is going to be
- 3 dependent on what the loads were. You're referring
- 4 back to previous bill periods.
- 5 Q Okay. Let's do it then --
- 6 A It changes from month to month and --
- 7 Q Let's go through it then. Pull out your
- 8 calculator subtract out the kilowatts of energy from
- 9 December 12, 1992, and take the prior bill date of
- 10 December 12, 1991, subtract out the energy, subtract
- 11 out the demand, and do the load factor analysis for
- 12 the additional demand.
- 13 Can you do that for me. Or you can
- 14 agree that you have to average 16 hours a day for an
- 15 additional 200 KW roughly, roughly, the numbers speak
- 16 for themselves every day for nine months?
- 17 You could just easily state subject to
- 18 check if you agree with that.
- 19 A When I do the calculations for the period
- 20 that you inquired about, December 12th, '91 to
- 21 January 15th, '92, versus December 12th, '92 through
- January 13th, '93, I come up with the 45 percent load

- 1 factor.
- 2 Q For the additional load?
- 3 A So I can't agree with you.
- 4 Q Okay. So do it for all the months, and
- 5 then tell me how much additional load and how long
- 6 that additional load on a per day basis would have to
- 7 run for that 9-month period?
- 8 A Well, I think that -- subject to check --
- 9 if we were to do it for all the months, we would see
- 10 that it's going to probably pretty closely reflect
- 11 what's already in this period that's shaded on the
- 12 exhibit. And you're asking about a period that was a
- 13 53 percent load factor in --
- Q No, I was asking --
- 15 A -- 1993.
- 16 Q -- for you to do the whole calculation if
- 17 you don't believe me that it's 200 KW. And it's
- 18 probably a little less admittedly, but that's a round
- 19 number that I could do math on of additional load for
- 20 taking into account the prior years usage and demand
- 21 with that year's usage; it's just numbers.
- 22 A These are numbers that were registered on

- 1 the meters for --
- 2 Q That's right.
- 3 A -- usage that was used in --
- 4 Q And your hypothesis is -- okay. Let me
- 5 just make sure we're clear. Okay. Your hypothesis
- 6 is this is right. Let's go to that. Okay.
- 7 I've got that end. Let's go to that.
- 8 So you have one of these? Exhibit 1.1 of
- 9 Mr. Shiffren's testimony? Not only -- I'll provide
- 10 to you just for -- unless you want to look it up on
- 11 other things.
- 12 It's been admitted into evidence. And
- 13 you have disputed many of the calculations with this.
- 14 So look at February 11th, '92 to 3/13/92; you see
- 15 that?
- 16 A Yes, I do.
- 17 Q Okay. Now, look at the total bill peak
- 18 demand for that time. What is that number?
- 19 A With reference to what meter you're looking
- 20 to?
- 21 Q The total building usage. The total peak
- 22 KW?

- 1 A If I'm looking at it correctly, 197.6.
- Q Okay. All the way on the right, there's
- 3 a -- it's labeled. The column is labeled, Total
- 4 bill peak demand. And that's where you get the
- 5 197.6, right?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. Now, that 197.6 is the total
- 8 building load during that particular month; is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 A No, it's not.
- 11 Q For that month, it's not? Oh, I'm sorry.
- 12 The total bill peak demand?
- 13 A That is the total bill peak demand
- 14 according to this summary here.
- Okay. Now, we just went through prior that
- 16 roughly 200 KW in this month was added during the
- 17 next year, you recall those line of questions?
- 18 A We discussed that the peak demand on Meter
- 19 979 in 1993 was roughly 200 kilowatts higher --
- 20 Q Right.
- 21 A -- than the peak demand during that similar
- 22 bill period in 1992.

- 1 Q No, not the amount of bill period, the same
- 2 February to March billing period?
- 3 A Correct. No, January to Feb- -- no, you're
- 4 right. February to March bill period in 1992.
- 5 Q So the 200 additional KW -- so what you're
- 6 saying is the building usage doubled in a year,
- 7 right? Building usage and demand doubled in a year?
- 8 A What I said was that the meters registered
- 9 loads in a high half-hour period that had these
- 10 demands --
- 11 Q Actually, not a high half-hour period,
- 12 right? It was cumulative at this time?
- 13 A A cumulative --
- 14 O A high period, right?
- 15 A A cumulative meter will measure a high half
- 16 hour period.
- 17 Q Okay. So, but, that means that basically
- 18 the load doubled in the next year and the usage?
- 19 A The customer's increased usage was more
- 20 than it was the previous year.
- 21 Q Right. For the whole building. Sorry.
- 22 Let me -- that wasn't -- let me try again. The

- 1 additional load on Meter No. 979 corresponds to the
- 2 full 197.6 KW roughly, of the total peak period
- 3 measured in 1992 over the February to March period,
- 4 correct?
- 5 A Could you restate that please.
- 6 Q It doesn't matter. And it's true that if
- 7 you triple the kilowatts and triple the kilowatt
- 8 hours, the load factor stays the same; is that
- 9 correct, generally speaking?
- 10 A The load factor will be the same when the
- 11 customer uses triple the demand and the customer also
- 12 uses triple the kilowatt hours of energy. And you do
- 13 the calculation for load factor, you'll have a
- 14 similar load factor.
- Q Right. So if you multiply both the
- 16 numerator and denominator by the same number, 3, 6, 1
- 17 million, the load factor would remain the same; is
- 18 that correct?
- 19 A The calculation doesn't change. The only
- 20 thing that's changing is the amount of customer
- 21 usage.
- 22 O And demand?

- 1 A And demand. I include that as part of
- their usage, the demand and energy.
- 3 Q Okay. So if you take the 1992 kilowatts on
- 4 this meter, the demand and the energy and multiply by
- 5 3, you get roughly the same load factor? You get
- 6 exactly the same load factor, correct?
- 7 A If I were to take the demand from 1992 for
- 8 the March bill and multiply it times 3 --
- 9 Q And the KW or are you just saying demand?
- 10 A And if I were to take the energy in 1992
- and the March bill period and multiply it times 3,
- 12 and then run a load factor calculation, I would have
- 13 the same value.
- 14 O And now, you're aware that this is a
- 15 condominium building; is that correct?
- 16 A I'm not familiar with the building,
- 17 although I see in the name, it's a condominium
- 18 association.
- 19 Q But you're aware that it is, right?
- 20 A I've never been to the building, and I'm
- 21 not familiar with -- -
- Q Do you have a reason to believe it's not a

- 1 condo?
- 2 A I do not have a reason to believe it's not
- 3 a condo.
- 4 Q So in your experience what sort of load
- 5 factor do condominium buildings have?
- 6 A I have no experience to make that type of a
- 7 judgment.
- 8 O How about industrial facilities?
- 9 A They vary quite a lot.
- 11 vary more in load factor than you would expect a
- 12 fully-occupied condominium building to vary; is that
- 13 correct?
- 14 A I don't really have an opinion about how a
- 15 condominium building will vary. I'm not familiar
- 16 with the building as to whether or not there are
- 17 other usages that occur in the building besides the
- 18 condominiums themselves.
- 19 O All right.
- 20 A I think condominium buildings could vary
- 21 depending on occupancy also.
- Q Okay. Well, yeah, if occupancy -- well,

- 1 strike that.
- 2 Is it your testimony that this
- 3 condominium tripled the amount of units during these
- 4 nine months?
- 5 A My testimony is that the meters registered
- 6 the usage, which is a combination of the demand
- 7 values and the energy values which are higher than
- 8 they had been historically.
- 9 Q Did they add additional units? 50 percent?
- 10 100 percent? Did they build onto the unit?
- 11 A That's not my testimony. I do not know.
- 12 Q So do you believe that to be true?
- 13 A I don't know.
- 14 O You don't know the reason why the usage and
- demand tripled during those nine months, do you?
- 16 A I have no knowledge of why the customer
- 17 used more energy during that period of time. I
- 18 testified that the meters registered this usage. And
- 19 this is what ComEd billed the customers for this
- 20 usage.
- Q Okay. How many watts is a megawatt?
- 22 A I think it's a million, would be a

- 1 megawatt. Watts would be -- one megawatt would be a
- 2 million watts.
- 3 Q You're -- go back to it. You're employed
- 4 by ComEd?
- 5 A Yes, I am.
- 6 Q And Exelon is a parent -- is 100 percent
- 7 owner of ComEd, correct?
- 8 A Exelon Corporation is a parent company of
- 9 ComEd.
- 10 Q Okay. Now, are you aware that in various
- 11 press releases that Exelon produces -- that they
- 12 state that a megawatt is enough electricity to power
- a thousand typical households?
- 14 A I'm not familiar with the press release
- 15 that you're referring to.
- 16 Q Are you familiar with that statement that a
- 17 megawatt is enough to power about a thousand typical
- 18 households?
- 19 A Subject to check, I can assume that you
- 20 have that statement.
- 21 Q Okay. So you don't need me to enter in
- 22 these -- let me just do it anyway. I am going to

- 1 mark for -- I think Cross Exhibit 7, are we up to?
- JUDGE GILBERT: Yes. Americana Cross 7.
- 3 (Whereupon, Americana Cross
- 4 Exhibit No. 7 was marked for
- 5
 identification.)
- 6 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 7 O All right. Marking for Exhibit purposes
- 8 Americana Cross Exhibit 7A and 7B, which is an Exelon
- 9 press release dated October 9th and October 10, 1996,
- 10 which was pulled off the Web site.
- 11 JUDGE GILBERT: Which is A? Which is B?
- MR. MUNSON: The earlier -- the October 9th is
- 13 Cross Exhibit 7A.
- 14 BY MR. MUNSON:
- Q And if you -- if I can refer you to the --
- 16 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6th paragraph on Exhibit 7A, the last
- 17 sentence of that paragraph.
- Can you read that for me.
- 19 A One megawatt provides enough electricity to
- 20 power approximately 1000 homes.
- 21 Q Now, on Exhibit 7B -- 1, 2, 3, 4th
- 22 paragraph, last sentence; can you read that?

- 1 A A megawatt is a million watts, enough
- 2 electricity to power about a 1000 typical households.
- 3 Q Okay. So 200 KW is roughly -- well, is 20
- 4 percent of a megawatt, correct?
- 5 A 200, yes, that would be about 20 percent of
- 6 a megawatt.
- 7 Q A megawatt is 100 KW, right?
- 8 A Right.
- 9 Q And then 200 -- so just by this reasoning,
- 10 extrapolated from this, 200 KW would be enough to
- 11 power 200 typical households?
- 12 A If you extrapolate from this.
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A Subject to check, please, though. I
- 15 haven't done the math on that.
- 16 Q Now, on line 170, you state that the TTR
- shows a note recorded on December 28, 1992; is that
- 18 correct?
- 19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You want to refer him to
- 20 rebuttal testimony.
- 21 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 22 Q I'm sorry. Line 170, page 5 of 33. You

- 1 have that? It's around line 170 near the bottom of
- 2 the page.
- 3 A I see it on line 71.
- 4 Q Okay. I was just saying if you see that.
- 5 Now, the TTR is the term transaction register and
- 6 that is a log? How can I term that? Log? You enter
- 7 it on a computer, correct?
- 8 A I'm not in the ComEd billing department and
- 9 not an expert on the TTR, but my understanding of the
- 10 TTR is that it records transactions that occur on --
- in this case, a customer account that is on the ComEd
- 12 Customer Information System, CIS system.
- 13 Q My question now is: If somebody enters
- 14 that on a computer to say that the note that was
- 15 recorded on 12/28/1992 -- somebody enters -- an
- 16 actual person enters that into the TTR, correct?
- 17 A This note would have been entered by a
- 18 person on the CIS billing system, which is recorded
- 19 on the TTR.
- 20 Okay. And can that be done remotely?
- 21 A I don't know what you mean by "remotely".
- 22 Q Say if they go into an office, correct?

- 1 And type in -- type information into a TTR or can
- 2 they pull up their computer and --
- 3 A I'm not in the billing department, and I
- 4 don't have familiarity with that operation.
- 5 Q Fair enough, but this is in 1992, the
- 6 likelihood of -- strike that.
- 7 Okay. So the entry of the TTR stated
- 8 that the electrical vault filled up with water,
- 9 paraphrasing, correct?
- 10 A That was my observation of the TTR.
- 11 Q Okay. And now, you've -- please see lines
- 12 178 to 184.
- 13 A Okay.
- 14 O The question and answer there. All right.
- Now, you did not contact myself, Mr. Shiffren or the
- 16 customer to try to obtain this information after you
- 17 made this request, did you?
- 18 A No, I did not.
- 19 Q And you or your counsel did not have any
- 20 consultation after this request was filed or make
- 21 reasonable attempts to resolve differences with
- regard to this data request; is that correct?

- 1 A I don't know what you mean by reasonable
- 2 requests (sic).
- 3 Q Okay. You did not have any consultation
- 4 with counsel, Mr. Shiffren, or the customer after you
- 5 made this request; is that correct?
- 6 A I did not have consultation with the
- 7 customer or Mr. Shiffren after this data request was
- 8 made.
- 9 Q Now, you did not have your counsel file a
- 10 motion to compel this discovery contained in this
- 11 data request; is that correct?
- 12 A I worked with the information that was
- 13 provided to me. I did not ask that -- and I'm not a
- lawyer, so I'm not the person that's going to make a
- 15 decision to have our attorney representing us, make a
- 16 motion to compel.
- 17 Q So you did not -- you did not direct your
- 18 counsel to file a motion to compel, correct?
- 19 A I'm not an attorney, and I wasn't even
- 20 familiar that such a thing could be done.
- 21 Q Okay. So you did not direct your attorney
- 22 to file a motion to compel?

- 1 A I did not.
- 2 MR. MUNSON: Judge, at this time, I'd like to
- 3 move to strike lines 178 through 184 on page 6 of 33
- 4 on Exhibit 1.2 on the grounds that ComEd did not
- 5 comply with Commission's rules of practice regarding
- 6 discovery, putting this in the testimony without, you
- 7 know, making the efforts as provided in the rules.
- 8 It's not proper, and it should be struck.
- 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Judge, I highly disagree. What
- 10 Mr. Shiffren is recording here is simply the response
- 11 that was made.
- 12 JUDGE GILBERT: Mr. Geraghty.
- 13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Geraghty. I'm sorry. And
- 14 that's all he's doing. It's a matter of fact, and
- he's already described through Mr. Munson's
- 16 cross-examination exactly what happened and the --
- 17 obviously, the response to the data request speaks
- 18 for itself.
- 19 JUDGE GILBERT: Yeah. I'm going to deny the
- 20 motion. The material from 178 to 184 says what it
- 21 says.
- Mr. Munson, I think your concern is

- 1 that it's incomplete, and that it doesn't present an
- 2 entire picture with respect to Comed's efforts to
- 3 seek information.
- 4 And you've already elicited that
- 5 additional information from the cross-examination,
- 6 but there's nothing apparently untrue about what
- 7 appears in 178 and 184, so the motion is denied.
- 8 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 9 Q You would agree that the meter in question
- is owned and maintained by ComEd with regard to the
- meters referred to in Exhibit 1.2, correct?
- 12 A Meter 9 -- I will refer to them by the last
- 13 three numbers. Meter 966 and Meter 727 were in
- 14 Exhibit 1.2, referred to in Exhibit 1.2, and those
- are meters that are owned by ComEd.
- 16 O There were meters. Those don't exist
- 17 anymore, correct? At least at this premise?
- 18 A Subject to check, I'm --
- 19 Q They were --
- 20 A -- not certain whether they're still there
- 21 or not.
- Q Now, ComEd has on its staff people that

- 1 could answer the question posed, Exhibit 1.2; is that
- 2 correct?
- 3 A Would you ask that question again.
- 4 O Sure. Sure.
- 5 A Because I believe this was a question that
- 6 we sent to you.
- 7 Q No, I'm saying that you have on your staff
- 8 people that can answer that particular question. You
- 9 have electricians that are knowledgeable.
- 10 And, in fact, you own the meters, the
- 11 associated equipment. And you've just testified that
- 12 you operate and maintain that.
- 13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Can I just clarify the
- 14 question?
- 15 MR. MUNSON: Sure.
- 16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Munson, you understand that
- 17 this particular data request deals with what is on
- 18 the Americana Condominium Association's side of the
- 19 meter, not what is on the side of the meter of --
- 20 that's part of Comed's responsibility.
- 21 MR. MUNSON: I don't have that understanding.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, that's what the question

- 1 states.
- 2 MR. MUNSON: The question speaks for itself.
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.
- 4 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 5 Q I'm asking the witness whether he has
- 6 people that could answer that particular question
- 7 posed in this data requestif it so chose; isn't that
- 8 true?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q You couldn't answer that question? ComEd
- 11 doesn't have the expertise to answer that question,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A ComEd does not determine what the customer
- installs on their side of the meter.
- 15 Q I'm not asking what they do. I'm asking,
- 16 could they answer that question? Could they
- 17 determine what equipment was connected?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q They couldn't?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q Because they don't have the expertise?
- 22 A I didn't say because they don't have the

- 1 expertise.
- 2 Q They don't know what they're doing?
- 3 A I said that ComEd does not determine what
- 4 the customer has connected on his side of the meter.
- 5 Q They do not? And they couldn't?
- 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Couldn't what?
- 7 MR. MUNSON: Determine. I will ask this again.
- 8 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 9 Q Very simply. Listen. Could -- does
- 10 ComEd --
- 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I object to the --
- 12 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 13 Q Does ComEd have on its staff, people that
- 14 could answer the question contained in Exhibit 1.2?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q No. Okay. Would you agree that it would
- 17 cost money to determine this type of information
- 18 requested in this data request?
- 19 A I agree that people's time is worth money,
- 20 and it would take time for a customer to summarize
- 21 the equipment that is connected within their building
- 22 and provide that information back to ComEd.

- 1 Q Now, you are aware that an explosion and a
- 2 fire occurred at the customer premises on or about
- 3 December 25th, 1992?
- 4 A No, I'm not aware of that.
- 5 Q Okay. Did you review Mr. Rollins'
- 6 (phonetic) testimony filed in this proceeding?
- 7 A I didn't review that. And I'm not aware of
- 8 it based on --
- 9 Q Will you please pull that out for me,
- 10 please.
- 11 A I have that.
- 12 Q Okay. Now, look at line -- please review
- 13 pages 3, 4, and Exhibit 3.1. Take a moment to review
- 14 that. Have you had a chance to review that?
- 15 A Yes, I have.
- 16 Q So are you disputing there was a fire at
- 17 this facility at that time?
- 18 A My testimony is: When I wrote my
- 19 testimony, I was not aware of a fire occurring --
- 20 Q I'm not asking what your testimony says,
- 21 I'm asking of -- whether you now, as you sit here
- 22 today, dispute that there was at least a fire if I

- 1 could call it that?
- 2 A I have read Mr. Rollins' testimony, and I
- 3 have no reason to think that he's not telling what
- 4 happened at that time and that a fire occurred.
- 5 Q And you see if you look at Exhibit 3.1,
- 6 third paragraph --
- 7 A Hang on. Can I clarify with you that 3.1
- 8 -- Exhibit 3.1 to Mr. Rollins' testimony is a letter
- 9 dated January 5th, 1993 to Jean Murphy (phonetic)?
- 11 A Okay.
- 12 Q Okay. On the third paragraph, third
- 13 sentence -- well, starting at the third sentence,
- 14 Approximately, 3:00 a.m. the power to the building
- 15 went out.
- 16 At this time the building began to
- 17 fill with smoke which it originated from an
- 18 electrical vault room where our main switchboard had
- 19 a fault causing the power outage; you see that?
- 20 A Yes, I do.
- 21 Q Okay. And that would be consistent with
- the information entered into the TTR on December 28,

- 1 1992; is that correct?
- 2 A He had indicated if you look at a sentence
- 3 at the beginning of that paragraph that on
- 4 December 25, 1992, this occurred.
- 5 And it is consistent that the TTR
- 6 records a notification to ComEd that occurred on
- 7 December 25th, 1992.
- 8 Q Right. And why do you think that TTR
- 9 entrance was three days later?
- 10 A I don't know why it was three days later.
- 11 Q The TTR information doesn't provide all
- 12 information about a situation; is that correct?
- 13 A The TTR records the call that was made to
- 14 ComEd on December 25th.
- 15 Q Sure. But it doesn't record every piece of
- information about a customer's account, correct?
- 17 A Subject to reviewing the TTR, it recorded
- 18 that there was a call made to ComEd regarding water
- 19 filling the customer vault.
- 20 Q Okay. Now, that fire -- as I read to you
- 21 from Exhibit 3.1 -- destroyed, among other things,
- the main electric distribution panel; is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 A I don't know that other than what I see and
- 3 is written in Exhibit 3.1 by Mr. Rollins.
- 4 Q Now, the demand for Meter No. 979,
- 5 cumulative Meter 979 was 109.2 for the billing period
- of November 12th, 1992 to December 12th, 1992; is
- 7 that correct? And I can refer you to your Exhibit
- 8 1.1, which is probably the easiest place to find
- 9 that.
- You want the question again?
- 11 A The time period was what time period?
- 12 Q November 12th, 1992 to December 12th, 1992.
- Demand was 109.2, correct?
- 14 A The demand for Meter 979 was 109.2.
- 15 Q Okay. And the usage and kilowatt hours for
- that period was 56,100, right? Oh, I'm sorry. You
- 17 have 56,160?
- 18 A That is what I have in --
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A -- Exhibit 1.1 to my testimony.
- 21 Q Now, for the billing period in which the
- fire occurred as evidenced by Mr. Rollins' testimony

- 1 and the TTR transcript you cite in your testimony,
- 2 that occurred -- the billing period was December
- 3 12th, 1992 to January 13th, 1993, correct? It fell
- 4 within that time?
- 5 A The TTR recorded in that time fell within
- 6 this bill period.
- 7 Q Okay. And the testimony of Mr. Rollins is
- 8 consistent with that, at least --
- 9 A Yes, it is.
- 10 Q -- in that time period.
- Now, for that time period, you would
- 12 agree that the -- strike that. Now, you're aware,
- 13 Mr. Geraghty, that this facility is a natural gas
- 14 heated building?
- 15 A I believe that there was some testimony
- 16 that Mr. Shiffren provided to that effect.
- 17 Q Okay. You're aware that this building is a
- 18 two-pipe fan coil system for heating and air
- 19 conditioning?
- 20 A I believe that there was some testimony
- 21 provided by Mr. Shiffren that indicates that.
- Q And generally speaking, a two-pipe coil

- 1 system for heating and air conditioning means that
- 2 either hot water or cold water can flow through those
- 3 pipes at one time, depending on whether you're
- 4 heating or cooling, generally, correct?
- 5 A It's been many years since I've worked on
- 6 HVAC systems, so I assume that that's generally the
- 7 case, but, again, exactly how a two-pipe system
- 8 functions, I'm not an expert on.
- 9 Q But it heats or cools, right?
- 10 A I assume their HVAC system is used for
- 11 heating or cooling their building.
- 12 Q Okay. And so you would not expect, would
- 13 you, Mr. Geraghty, that a chiller would be activated
- during a December billing month?
- 15 A I would not expect that that would be the
- 16 case.
- 17 Q In fact that wasn't the case, was it?
- 18 A I do not know.
- 19 O All right. Well, let's refer you to
- 20 Exhibit 1.1 of Mr. Shiffren's testimony, this big
- 21 monster here.
- Looking across using your extensive

- 1 knowledge and experience, can you tell me which meter
- 2 housed the chiller from the data provided on this,
- 3 arguably, at least?
- 4 A I can't say for certain which meter has the
- 5 chiller attached to it.
- 6 Q Right. But you would agree with me, would
- 7 you not, that a cumulative meter beginning in 2, 3, 5
- 8 of -- do you see that? Did I make that clear or no?
- 9 If you go over on that -- let me try
- 10 it this way. You have the billing periods, and then
- 11 count over with me the columns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, the
- 12 6th column over. The top meter number is G036235;
- 13 C-U-M means cumulative, correct?
- 14 A I see that.
- Okay. Now, you look at the -- and this is
- 16 expressed in KW, correct? The values in these cells
- 17 as you go down, correct?
- 18 A Yes, they are.
- 19 Q Okay. Now, for the period of May 13, 1992
- 20 to June whatever 1992, the demand on that meter was
- 21 162, right?
- 22 A That's what it shows.

- 1 Q And prior to that, it was zero in April to
- 2 May for that meter?
- A April of '92 to May of '92 was shown here
- 4 as zero for that meter.
- Okay. And 162 KW is a pretty large load,
- 6 right? Extrapolating from a thousand homes, that's
- 7 162 homes, right? It's a large load. You can agree
- 8 with that?
- 9 A I can agree that it's a large load. I
- 10 didn't do the math on how many homes it represents.
- 11 Q Sure. But if you look down, 162 down, and
- 12 then it ends in September to October of 135.6, it's
- 13 reasonable --
- 14 And if you look down through the years
- 15 that this meter shows significant demands during the
- 16 summer or close to the summer periods, it is
- 17 reasonable to assume that this is the meter that
- 18 houses the chiller; is that correct?
- 19 A It shows loads that are large in the
- 20 summertime and as a result of that it could be
- 21 associated with summer cooling. I cannot say. I
- 22 don't know for certain.

- 1 Q Right. But I mean, it's reasonable,
- 2 correct? That's a chiller load?
- 3 A I'm not familiar with the customer's
- 4 operations or it could be a summer pool. I have no
- 5 idea --
- 6 Q Fair enough.
- 7 A -- what that load is.
- 8 Q Now, the two-pipe system we discussed
- 9 previously that heats or cools, so the building's got
- 10 to make a decision whether they turn on the natural
- 11 gas boiler because it's a gas heated building, or the
- 12 chiller, which is electric load, correct? Depending
- on the temperature?
- 14 A I already testified I'm not an expert on a
- 15 two-pipe system.
- 16 Q But that would seem reasonable, wouldn't
- 17 it?
- 18 A Again, I don't want to speculate on
- 19 something that I am not an expert on.
- 20 Q Let's get back to -- but you would --
- 21 expert or not, you wouldn't expect a chiller to be
- 22 activated during a December month?

- 1 A Normally, December is a cool period of time
- 2 in the Chicagoland area. And chillers are not
- 3 operated, although chillers can be operated if there
- 4 is water in a building that needs to be taken out.
- 5 Q Okay. And referring back to Exhibit 1.1,
- 6 for Meter 979, you would agree, would you not, that
- 7 the demands and usage has remained fairly constant
- 8 for all months identified in your Exhibit 1.1; would
- 9 you agree with that statement?
- 10 A Could you please repeat the --
- 11 Q Yes, I can because I misstated it.
- 12 JUDGE GILBERT: Let me just point out because
- 13 you've been moving back and forth between Geraghty
- 14 1.1 and Shiffren 1.1 that you --
- 15 MR. MUNSON: Yes. And I thank you, Judge.
- 16 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 17 O Outside of the nine months that are blacked
- out in your exhibit that you highlighted, I guess,
- 19 the demand and energy on that meter, you would agree
- 20 has remained fairly consistent for all the months
- 21 identified on your exhibit, Geraghty 1.1, correct?
- 22 A The meters were not the same meter

- 1 throughout that entire time frame that you're looking
- 2 at on Exhibit 1.1.
- 3 Q I think you misunderstood that. The demand
- 4 in usage has -- yeah. Okay. I see how you got that.
- 5 The demand in usage has remained fairly consistent
- 6 outside of the blocked area, you would agree?
- 7 A They vary somewhat, but they remained
- 8 somewhat consistent.
- 9 Q In fact it varies between roughly 66 and
- 10 109, 110 KW of demand during that time, correct?
- 11 Outside of the highlighted area on Exhibit 1.1 of
- 12 your testimony?
- 13 A I see a low demand in the October '95
- 14 period of 61.8, and a high demand in the January '95
- 15 period for 110.8.
- 16 O Okay. And --
- 17 A Outside of the blocked area. I'm sorry.
- 18 Q Now, you state in your testimony that the
- 19 load factors are similar, correct; is that a fair
- 20 characterization?
- 21 A My testimony states that the load factors
- 22 are fairly similar for this period of time.

- 1 Q But not the loads in this blacked out
- period, correct?
- 3 A I did not say the loads are the same -- the
- 4 loads --
- 5 Q Are not the same?
- 6 A Vary. The loads vary.
- 7 Q Now, you exchanged cumulative Meter 979
- 8 with a time of day meter on September 16th, correct?
- 9 A It shows that that meter was installed, a
- 10 time of day meter. I'll read the last three numbers
- of that meter, 520.
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A On 9/16/93.
- 14 O And what billing period did that fall in?
- 15 A Subject to check because I'm referring to
- 16 Mr. Shiffren's exhibit, it appears to be the 9/13/93
- 17 to 9/12, or 10/12/93 bill period.
- 18 Q And that falls outside of your blocked
- 19 area, correct? On Exhibit 1.1 of your highlighted
- 20 area? In fact that's the first month after the
- 21 highlighted area, correct?
- 22 A Yes, it is.

- O Okay. Now, that month --
- 2 MR. MUNSON: And we have a bit of a discrepancy
- 3 here if I may just state, counsel. And I think I
- 4 know the reason is because the bill is somewhat
- 5 illegible.
- 6 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 8 provided by Mr. Shiffren, correct? Strike that. Can
- 9 you review -- this is your Cross Exhibit 4. I think
- 10 it's 4B?
- 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Do you have 4B?
- 12 MR. MUNSON: Which I believe -- I'm sorry.
- 13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Which time period are we
- 14 talking about?
- 15 MR. MUNSON: The 9/13/93 to 10/12/93.
- 16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I believe it's 4A.
- MR. MUNSON: Oh, is that 4A? Oh, because of
- 18 the bill print. Okay. It's part -- you included
- 19 both those. Okay. 4A. Let me look at this.
- 20 JUDGE GILBERT: To be clear are you talking
- 21 about ComEd Group Exhibit 4A that was submitted
- 22 yesterday?

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.
- 2 MR. MUNSON: Yes.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Okay.
- 4 MR. MUNSON: May I have a moment real quick
- 5 just to clear up a discrepancy?
- 6 JUDGE GILBERT: Sure. Certainly.
- 7 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 8 Q According to ComEd Group Exhibit 4A, if you
- 9 look at the bill, page -- of Exhibit 1, 2, 3, 4 --
- 10 JUDGE GILBERT: Wait. That was confusing.
- 11 MR. MUNSON: I'm sorry. Page 4 of Group
- 12 Exhibit 4A, which is service from 9/13/93 to
- 13 10/12/1993.
- 14 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 15 Q The demand reading for the meter -- was it
- 16 the -- for 979 is 1.18, correct? Which is the third
- 17 column from the right. Do you see that or do I need
- 18 to be clearer?
- 19 JUDGE GILBERT: I don't think that's right.
- 20 And I know it's very hard to see.
- 21 MR. MUNSON: I'm not trying to get you --
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Why don't we find out what

- 1 number he believes it is, and then we can go from
- 2 there.
- 3 MR. MUNSON: Yeah.
- 4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm just --
- 5 MR. MUNSON: It is actually somewhat important.
- 6 It's 9 KW difference, so we might as well get it
- 7 correct.
- 8 JUDGE GILBERT: Insofar as I can even read this
- 9 page of the exhibit, and it's very blurred because of
- 10 the quality of the copy. It seems to show that meter
- 11 -- I think it's 250979 has a zero demand, not a 1.18.
- MR. MUNSON: The demand reading, the third
- 13 column from the right?
- 14 JUDGE GILBERT: Yeah. Here, follow it as I
- 15 have it here in the case.
- MR. MUNSON: Well, what's the 520? It's the
- 17 new meter, right? Yeah, it's a 520, the next line
- down.
- 19 THE WITNESS: It appears to have a demand of
- 20 79.8.
- 21 BY MR. MUNSON:
- Q But what is the demand reading? Can you

- 1 make that out?
- 2 A Meter 25 -- or 520, it would appear to be
- 3 1.18.
- 4 Q Okay. And if you multiply 1.18 times the
- 5 multiplier of 60, what do you come up with?
- 6 A 70.8.
- 7 Q Yeah. Okay. Shifting to Mr. Shiffren's
- 8 Exhibit 1.1 from the period 9/13/1993 to 10/12/1993,
- 9 you see that?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And you look over on this meter, and it has
- 70.8?
- 13 A For Meter 520, it shows 70.8.
- Q And then if you look, what is the total
- 15 bill peak demand in terms of KW for that billing
- 16 period?
- 17 A If I'm reading correctly, 184.0.
- 18 Q Does ComEd install time of day meters for
- 19 customers who take service on time of day rates?
- 20 A Time of day meters are installed for
- 21 customers that are on time of day rates.
- Q Does ComEd have any customers on time of

- 1 day without time of day meters?
- 2 A I don't know the answer to that question.
- Who owns the meters?
- 4 A ComEd owns the meters.
- 5 Q Who owns the associated metering equipment
- 6 such as current transformers?
- 7 A ComEd has current transformers that are
- 8 utilized for switches that are large enough to
- 9 require a reduction in the amount of current flowing
- 10 through the meter. So ComEd would own a current
- 11 transformer that's associated with that type of a
- 12 meter.
- 13 O And who installs the meters and associated
- 14 equipment?
- 15 A I'm not in the department that installs
- 16 meters, but my understanding of the meters, the meter
- 17 itself is installed by ComEd. The customer installs
- 18 the current transformers.
- 19 O Now, the customer installs the ComEd-owned
- 20 current transformers; is that your testimony?
- 21 A That's my understanding of -- although I'm
- 22 not in that department. That's my understanding of

- 1 how it's done.
- 2 Q And who reads the meters?
- 3 A ComEd reads ComEd-owned meters.
- 4 Q Okay. ComEd bills for the usage associated
- 5 with the meters?
- 6 A ComEd bills for customer usage on
- 7 ComEd-owned meters.
- 8 Q And how is ComEd compensated for its
- 9 metering costs, metering and associated equipment
- 10 costs?
- 11 A ComEd tariffs include costs associated with
- 12 recovery of our investment in our equipment such as
- 13 meters.
- 14 O Okay. Let me ask you a hypothetical.
- 15 Customers are not billed on the correct rate. We're
- 16 billed on a more expensive rate. Would the revenues
- 17 and the revenue requirement -- Comed's requirement be
- 18 understated?
- 19 A I'm not an expert on Comed's revenue
- 20 requirement, and uncertain whether or not it would be
- 21 understated.
- Q Okay. Let's look at your Exhibit 1.1

- 1 again, Geraghty Exhibit 1.1.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Before he does that, five
- 3 minute break.
- 4 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)
- 5 JUDGE GILBERT: Back on the record. Go ahead,
- 6 Mr. Munson.
- 7 MR. MUNSON: Thank you, Judge.
- 8 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 9 Q Your Geraghty Exhibit 1.1, the demands that
- 10 you listed on that exhibit from May 13th, 1993 to
- 11 August 12th, 1993 each equal 243.6 KW, correct?
- 12 A Those are the demands that are shown on the
- 13 exhibit.
- 14 O Okay.
- 15 JUDGE GILBERT: Let me make a suggestion just
- in the interest of time. When something is there, I
- 17 don't think we need to make him say yes, it's there.
- I think -- and if, in fact, he
- 19 disputes that, then I'll get on him, but I think if
- 20 you just say for example, look you've got three
- 21 identical months, and ask your question.
- 22 MR. MUNSON: Okay.

- JUDGE GILBERT: All right.
- 2 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 4 A I'm not the billing expert that reviewed
- 5 the estimates that you refer to, and those estimates,
- 6 Ms. Miller reviewed the bills themselves for that
- 7 particular --
- 8 Q But it is your understanding that if they
- 9 were estimates that the bills would show that,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A I'm not that familiar with the
- 12 requirements, but I do see on here quite a few of
- 13 these bills that they do show that there was a meter
- 14 estimated or the bill was shown as an estimated bill.
- 15 Q Would you agree that it is unusual to
- 16 achieve the exact same demands for a three-month
- 17 period?
- 18 A I don't know how the customer uses the
- 19 energy, and the demands at this location. I look at
- 20 the other demands that are listed on this exhibit and
- 21 see that they're not all exactly the same. That they
- do vary.

- 1 Q You would agree, Mr. Geraghty, that ComEd
- 2 made multiple errors on the Americana account during
- 3 this roughly 7-year period; is that correct?
- 4 A In my testimony, I have indicated that
- 5 there were some billing issues that were brought to
- 6 Comed's attention. And ComEd did work with the
- 7 customer to resolve those billing issues.
- 8 Q And for example ComEd refunded to Americana
- 9 the difference between billing all the kilowatt hours
- on peak charges to a split between on and off peak
- 11 due to the customer not having timely meters?
- 12 A I don't know what it was due to, but I do
- 13 see that there was a -- based on the bill prints that
- 14 were presented back to ComEd by the customer and
- 15 Mr. Shiffren, that there was a recalculation of the
- 16 energy during certain bill periods to divide the
- 17 usage between peak period and off peak period by the
- 18 energy usage.
- 19 O It is not your understanding or is it your
- 20 understanding -- strike that. Let me rephrase it.
- Is it your understanding that
- 22 Americana is claiming that on/off peak differential

- 1 split on that meter in this case?
- 2 A My understanding is that Americana is
- 3 disputing these bills that were submitted and is
- 4 claiming that ComEd owes them a refund for the energy
- 5 and demand usage stated on these bills.
- 6 Q That's right. But we're not -- Americana
- 7 is not claiming a refund between -- for the
- 8 difference between being charged peak only versus a
- 9 split between the on and off peak due to the time of
- day metering issue on Meter No. 979; is that correct?
- 11 A When I read Mr. Shiffren's testimony, the
- 12 rebuttal testimony in this case, he indicates that
- 13 that is not what Americana is requesting.
- 14 Although, when ComEd does do bill
- 15 settlements with customers, it does settle the entire
- 16 bill.
- 17 MR. MUNSON: Move to strike. That was not
- 18 responsive?
- 19 JUDGE GILBERT: Overruled. If you want to ask
- 20 him additional questions. Go ahead.
- 21 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 22 Q In any event, ComEd made an error and

- 1 corrected the error; would you agree with that?
- 2 A ComEd did not make an error in billing the
- 3 account on the bills in the summer of 1993 on
- 4 on-peak. The tariff does provide for the billing of
- 5 meters that are not registering the time of day that
- 6 the usage was occurring all on the on peak rate.
- 7 ComEd settled that dispute with the
- 8 customer at a later date by doing a split of that
- 9 energy between peak and off peak periods.
- 10 Q ComEd also made a mistake by billing
- 11 Americana for a demand of 738 KW in October of 1996;
- 12 is that correct?
- 13 A There was a bill issued in 1996. I'm
- 14 thinking it was the November 1996 bill that had a
- 15 high demand on a meter and ComEd did work with the
- 16 customer to reissue that bill and correct that
- 17 particular billing issue.
- 18 Q Right. ComEd rectified the error by a
- 19 credit, right?
- 20 A There was a re-issuance of the bill and a
- 21 credit appeared on the following bill.
- 22 Q And it's your understanding that this issue

- is no longer claimed by my client, correct?
- 2 A My understanding from reading
- 3 Mr. Shiffren's rebuttal testimony is that he has
- 4 agreed with Comed's review of that issue, which I had
- 5 testified to the effect showing that the IBS
- 6 transcript showed that the bill was reissued and that
- 7 the amount was corrected.
- 8 Q On lines 681 through 682 of your testimony,
- 9 you state that the corrected November 1996 billing
- 10 period occurred as a credit over the December 1996
- 11 billing statement.
- 12 Would you agree that the credit ComEd
- 13 provided for its own error resulted in a credit that
- 14 exceeded the costs of the December 1996 bill?
- 15 A I indicate on line -- starting from 683
- 16 that this credit exceeded the amount of the
- 17 December 1996 bill and carried over to the
- 18 January 1997 bill.
- 19 O So Americana would not have owed any money
- 20 to ComEd for the December 1996 bill, correct?
- 21 A They would not have owed any money assuming
- 22 that they did pay the November of 1996 bill that was

- 1 issued at too high of a rate.
- 3 the December 1996 missing bill was not filed in the
- 4 bills waiting to be paid file or accounts payable,
- 5 and was, therefore, not retained by my client because
- 6 there was nothing due for that month?
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm going to object to the
- 8 question. It calls for extreme speculation on the
- 9 part of the witness.
- 10 JUDGE GILBERT: Mr. Munson.
- 11 MR. MUNSON: I'll restate.
- 12 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 13 Q Is it a reasonable assumption that the bill
- 14 wasn't retained, and then was subsequently provided
- 15 to ComEd because there was nothing due on that bill?
- 16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Same objection.
- 17 JUDGE GILBERT: No, he can answer it.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I'm not the customer retaining
- 19 bills. I don't know whether a reasonable assumption
- 20 would be under those circumstances.
- 21 BY MR. MUNSON:
- Q Now, you also agree that ComEd made a

- 1 billing error on the bill for the period June 13th,
- 2 1994 to 7/13/94. That's a 100 KW issue, line 412 of
- 3 your testimony, correct?
- 4 A On line 412 there's actually a question
- 5 regarding Meter 966 for the billing period of June of
- 6 '94 through July of '94.
- 7 And in the lines 414 and 15, I
- 8 indicate that it appears that the meter was read full
- 9 scale and resulted in a billing demand for
- 10 100 kilowatts and should have been zero kilowatts.
- 11 JUDGE GILBERT: Let me interject. What do you
- mean by "full scale" there?
- 13 THE WITNESS: When you look at a meter dial, it
- 14 has the values there where a reader can read it as
- 15 either a --
- 16 Let's say for instance, it's between
- 17 the 6 and the 7, and he moves the dial forward to the
- 18 7, when it should have been at the 6.
- 19 And a full scale read would add load
- 20 to the dial that should not have been there.
- 21 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 22 Q So regardless whether this was credited or

- 1 not, you agree that ComEd made a billing error on
- 2 this account by billing an inappropriate demand of
- 3 100 KW?
- 4 A I would -- looking in my review of the
- 5 bills that were provided to me and this meter being
- 6 zero for many months, I would agree that this meter
- 7 had usage billed on it that was read in error.
- 8 O So it's clear that ComEd made at least some
- 9 billing errors for the 36 months in question,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A In my testimony I have indicated that there
- 12 have been some billing errors that ComEd had
- 13 corrected for the customer.
- 14 O Let's look at page 29 of 33 in Exhibit 1.5.
- 15 First of all, what is an account
- 16 activity statement? You listed it in line 723,
- 17 middle of the page just for your reference.
- 18 A Exhibit 1.15 (sic) is an account activity
- 19 statement; is that what you're referring to?
- 20 Q Yeah. Could you just -- what is an account
- 21 activity statement?
- 22 A The account activity statement is Comed's

- 1 current billing system, which is referred to as CIMS,
- 2 maintains an account activity statement of billing
- 3 information.
- 4 Q Now, look at line 639 of your testimony,
- 5 please, which is on page 25. The question beginning
- 6 on line 639 and continuing.
- 7 Now, while the ICC does not require
- 8 ComEd to retain account activity information, you
- 9 have significant information that the customer is not
- 10 privy to; is that correct?
- 11 A I'm not certain what customer information
- 12 you're referring to.
- 13 Q Well, customers don't have access to your
- 14 IBS transcripts, correct?
- 15 A I'm not in the billing department, but I do
- 16 believe that a customer can call and request a
- 17 transcript if they so desire.
- 18 O Customers do not have access to your
- 19 account activity statements contained in Exhibit 1.5;
- 20 is that correct?
- 21 A I'm not in the billing department, but I do
- 22 believe a customer can call and request a copy of the

- 1 customer account activity statement.
- 2 Q Can customers call and get access to
- 3 Comed's TTRs?
- 4 A ComEd no longer uses a TTR from the CIMS
- 5 billing system since we no longer have our CIMS
- 6 billing system on -- I sorry. Our CIS billing system
- 7 in place.
- 8 The TTR was associated with Comed's
- 9 CIS billing system at which time has been retired.
- 10 Q But you still have access to that
- 11 information contained on the TTRs?
- 12 A ComEd was able to locate this information
- of the TTR, correct.
- 14 O Okay. And customers do not have access to
- 15 that? Generally, do not have access to the TTRs?
- 16 A That, I don't know.
- 17 Q Now, you repeatedly stated that
- 18 Mr. Shiffren is not provided all the bills, yet ComEd
- 19 has a significant amount of resources available to
- 20 reconstruct the bills, such as bill prints, account
- 21 activity statements, TTRs; is that correct?
- 22 A No, it's not. I have not recreated any

- 1 bills.
- 2 Q All right. ComEd is responsible for
- 3 billing the customer?
- 4 A ComEd does bill the customer on a monthly
- 5 basis for usage that the customer has registered on
- 6 their meters.
- 7 Q The only information available to customers
- 8 in regard to the electric service and data provided
- 9 by ComEd is the customer bills provided from ComEd;
- 10 isn't that correct?
- 11 A As I stated earlier, I'm not in the billing
- 12 department, and not certain, but I believe the
- 13 customer has access to a transcript of the customer
- 14 account activity statement. That would be additional
- information regarding his usage, bills and payments.
- 16 Q Customers can't go read the ComEd meters?
- 17 A Customers can obtain information from the
- 18 ComEd meters if they choose. If they want to read
- 19 the meter, they can do that also.
- Q Now, on line 728 to 730 of your testimony,
- 21 you state, Americana would have discussed this with a
- 22 -- sorry. It states if Americana would have

- 1 discussed any disputed bills with ComEd at the time,
- 2 ComEd would have worked with Americana to get the
- 3 account current. Were you present when this
- 4 discussion occurred?
- 5 A No, I was not working on this account at
- 6 the time.
- 7 Q So this is speculation on your part, this
- 8 statement?
- 9 A This is based on my review of the bill
- 10 statements where it shows that there was an
- 11 outstanding balance for the amount that was owed to
- 12 ComEd. And that outstanding balance continued for
- 13 quite a few months.
- 14 And in my work with ComEd, ComEd only
- 15 allows a customer to go so many months with an
- 16 outstanding balance before cut off notices are issued
- 17 and cut off of electricity occurs.
- So my statement is based on my
- 19 experience at ComEd knowing that a customer who is
- 20 working with ComEd on a disputed bill would not be
- 21 cut off.
- 22 And that the customer would be --

- 1 ComEd would work with the customer to resolve the
- 2 disputed bills.
- 3 Q You did not have any contact with Americana
- 4 whatsoever between 1991 and 1999, correct?
- 5 A No, I did not.
- 6 Q And you did go there and inspect their
- 7 mechanical equipment?
- 8 A No, I did not.
- 9 Q You have no personal knowledge of any
- 10 discussions between Americana and ComEd for the
- 11 disputed time period, correct?
- 12 A I have no personal knowledge of any
- 13 discussions that occurred with the customer and
- 14 ComEd. I have a review of the bills.
- MR. MUNSON: Move to strike. He answered the
- 16 question.
- 17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He's allowed to expand on it
- 18 once he's answered the question and --
- 19 MR. MUNSON: That's not what I asked him. I
- 20 asked him if he had personal knowledge. You're not
- 21 allowed to rehabilitate him and redirect.
- JUDGE GILBERT: It's overruled.

- 1 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 2 Q So you had no personal dealings with this
- 3 account prior to Mr. Shiffren's involvement?
- 4 A My personal involvement --
- 5 Q To your knowledge. To your knowledge?
- 6 A My personal involvement with this account
- 7 was when I was given information from Mr. Shiffren
- 8 regarding his complaints.
- 9 Q Back to Geraghty Exhibit 1.1, if you look
- 10 at the period of -- oops. Excuse me.
- 11 Mr. Shiffren's Exhibit 1.1 because you
- 12 didn't -- you only went to 1995. I'm looking at the
- 13 bill period 6/10 '99 through 7/12/1999. And that's
- 14 the last row before the notes; do you see that?
- 15 A Yes, I do.
- 16 Q And you understand that that's a disputed
- 17 month by Americana. And you see the -- can you
- 18 perform a load factor analysis for that month for me,
- 19 please.
- 20 And to do so, you take --
- 21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I assume you're going to want
- 22 the witness to do a load factor analysis for -- I'm

- 1 losing it.
- 2 MR. MUNSON: 6/10/99 to --
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: For the 658 meter?
- 4 MR. MUNSON: Actually, for the total peak
- 5 demand, total peak demand, please.
- 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You want it for all the meters;
- 7 is that what you're saying?
- 8 MR. MUNSON: Please.
- 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay.
- 10 MR. MUNSON: And it's the --
- 11 THE WITNESS: Subject to check, I have 98.8
- 12 percent load factor.
- 13 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 14 O All right.
- 15 A But also recognize that I was informed
- 16 through the information provided and Mr. Shiffren's
- 17 testimony that this was later adjusted, this
- 18 particular bill period.
- 19 Q But the load factor is roughly 99 percent,
- 20 right? I mean, 98.9 -- or what did you say? 98.8
- 21 percent.
- Now, am I correct in my statement that

- 1 their total peak demand for that billing month was
- 2 443.9. And having a close to 100 percent load
- 3 factor, they would have to be operating at that peak
- 4 100 percent of the time through the month?
- 5 A Yes, they would.
- 6 Q Okay. And this is a -- never mind.
- 7 Do you happen to know what a -- what
- 8 the class load profile is for this size customer?
- 9 A No, I don't. And I'm assuming what you
- 10 mean by class load profile is the low profile for all
- of Comed's customers that come into this class?
- 12 Q Correct.
- 13 A Okay.
- 14 Q But you couldn't expect that load factor to
- 15 be 99 percent, would you?
- 16 A I don't expect that that would be 99
- 17 percent.
- 18 Q And this is a condo building we're talking
- 19 about -- strike that. Sorry. Let's see.
- MR. MUNSON: May I have a second, Judge, just
- 21 to make sure?
- JUDGE GILBERT: (Nodding.)

- 1 MR. MUNSON: Just one final set of questions,
- 2 Judge, if you don't mind.
- JUDGE GILBERT: All right.
- 4 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 5 Q Mr. Shiffren's -- please refer to
- 6 Mr. Shiffren's Exhibit 1.1. And the total peak
- 7 demand column, you see three columns from the right
- 8 and for the period of 11/12/92 to December 12th,
- 9 1992, there was a total peak demand of 208 KW.
- 10 And then the October 12th, '93 to
- 12 184, at least according to this exhibit, correct?
- 13 A I don't believe that's the case. I think
- 14 it's September to October is 184 if I'm reading it
- 15 correctly.
- 16 O Yeah, I'm sorry. I must have misstated it.
- 17 It is what it is, but it's 184 for -- I'm sorry. You
- 18 are right. September to October.
- 19 And that, essentially, bookmarks the
- 20 dispute, correct? Or it's one of the main -- or the
- 21 main dispute in this case?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: I don't understand the

- 1 question. I don't want the witness -- could you
- 2 rephrase the question, counsel.
- 3 MR. MUNSON: Sure. Sure.
- 4 JUDGE GILBERT: Let me just ask in the interest
- of time. Does it really matter what he says to this?
- 6 MR. MUNSON: I'm going to try to get to the
- 7 ultimate question. I'm trying to get him to -- but
- 8 apparently not.
- JUDGE GILBERT: If he says yes, he bookmarks
- 10 it. No, it doesn't bookmark it, assuming you know
- 11 you need to lay a foundation --
- 12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It's a foundation.
- 13 JUDGE GILBERT: -- assuming you know what book
- 14 marking means. Just go.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: If he asks the ultimate
- 16 question, and I won't object to the foundation.
- 17 MR. MUNSON: Okay.
- 18 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 20 A I don't know what accounted for this load.
- 21 The customer's usage at the facility was registered
- on these meters that were in place and ComEd billed

- 1 those meters.
- 2 MR. MUNSON: That was easy. Nothing further.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Actually, because I'm going to
- 4 follow up with a few questions anyway, which I'm
- 5 going to do before we break, so that you can have the
- 6 benefit of that, if we can call it a benefit during
- 7 the lunch break.
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 9 BY
- 10 JUDGE GILBERT:
- 11 Q Mr. Geraghty, following up really on
- 12 Mr. Munson's last question, I noticed that the other
- 13 meters in place at the time during -- I'm going to
- 14 start that question over so it's clear.
- The period of time on Mr. Shiffren's
- 16 Exhibit 1.1 that is highlighted between 12/12/92 and
- 17 ending 9/13/93 shows an unusually high peak. An
- unusually high consumption only on Meter 979.
- The other meters don't seem to
- 20 fluctuate from their historical performance. And
- 21 then we see that Meter 979 is replaced in September
- of '93, and then the subsequent meter registers usage

- 1 that is consistent with the historical performance
- 2 prior to 12/12/92.
- 3 So one could certainly draw the
- 4 inference. I'm not saying that you must or will, but
- 5 one could draw the inference that something has
- 6 occurred with respect to a single meter only during
- 7 that time period.
- 8 And so when you speak of activity at
- 9 the customer's premise that would produce this
- 10 abnormal reading -- and by abnormal I mean with
- 11 respect to historical usage and subsequent usage --
- 12 that activity at the customer's premises would have
- 13 affected only those energy using devices and systems
- that are connected to Meter 979, correct? And
- 15 wouldn't you infer that as well?
- 16 A That would be correct.
- 17 Q Okay. I'll just leave it at that. Okay.
- 18 I just have a few things. We all say that. Don't
- 19 we? I hope I just have a few things.
- 20 One is just a housekeeping matter with
- 21 respect to your exhibit appearing on page 4.
- MR. MUNSON: The witness' exhibit or the cross

- 1 exhibit?
- 2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: What are we looking at?
- JUDGE GILBERT: I sorry. Mr. Geraghty's
- 4 testimony, Exhibit 1.0, page 4, line 135.
- 5 BY JUDGE GILBERT:
- 6 Q If you look at the date range there on line
- 7 135, I think you meant to say 12/12/92 rather than
- 8 '93; would that be correct?
- 9 A Yes, that would be correct.
- 10 Q Okay. So why don't we amend it to reflect
- 11 that.
- 12 JUDGE GILBERT: Everyone is in agreement with
- 13 that, I assume?
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right.
- MR. MUNSON: I'm sorry. Of what?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Page 4.
- 17 JUDGE GILBERT: The rebuttal, line 135.
- 18 MR. MUNSON: For some reason I didn't see it.
- 19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It's Exhibit 1.0.
- MR. MUNSON: Okay.
- 21 JUDGE GILBERT: So we're just repairing what
- 22 was obviously a typographical error.

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Judge.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Sure.
- 3 BY JUDGE GILBERT:
- 4 Q All right. If you look at line 170 of your
- 5 testimony. And this has to do with the event that
- 6 occurred at the building. I know you said that you
- 7 weren't there. And you don't know directly if it was
- 8 a fire at the building.
- 9 I don't suppose that matters, but you
- 10 did choose to mention that there was electrical work
- done at the building in December of '92. Why did you
- 12 choose to mention that? What inference would you
- 13 like the Commission to draw from that fact?
- 14 A Well, when I reviewed the information that
- 15 was presented from these bills by Mr. Shiffren, the
- 16 meter was running higher than what it had before.
- 17 And then it was lower after this
- 18 period. And the inference that I was concluding when
- 19 I reviewed the TTR and saw these entries, that an
- 20 electrician was there in December, and then again in
- 21 August which coincided with this time frame here that
- 22 these bills were high.

- 1 Would that tell me that something was
- 2 happening with regard to their condo association?
- 3 And that there may have been something that caused --
- 4 the electrician was working on, whatever -- caused
- 5 this particular situation to occur.
- 6 Q Are you inferring or raising the
- 7 possibility that the electrician worked on or did
- 8 anything to Meter 979?
- 9 A He may have. I don't know. I was not
- 10 given information about what the electrician did and
- 11 could not come to any conclusion as to exactly what
- was done by the electrician other than the
- information provided in Mr. Rollins' testimony.
- 14 And some of the additional information
- 15 provided just a week ago by Mr. Munson in a data
- 16 request, was that there was a fire and that the
- 17 electricians came in to restore the building.
- 18 And then had damaged equipment that
- 19 needed to be replaced.
- 20 O And your understanding is that the
- 21 electrician you're referring to there in your
- 22 testimony is Gurtz, which is G-u-r-t-z; is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 A That was the name that was in the TTR.
- 3 Q Okay. And when -- and so when you refer to
- 4 the electrical work done at the building on line 170
- 5 to 171, you're referring to Gurtz because that's the
- 6 information you have, correct?
- 7 A It didn't say in the entry for the December
- 8 period that it was Gurtz who came to the building in
- 9 December of '92, but it did say in the entry that was
- 10 made in August '93 that it was Gurtz who was asking
- 11 ComEd to take some of the panels out of service while
- 12 they left some panels in service.
- 13 Q Okay. Well, whether it was Gurtz in
- 14 December of '92 or some other electrician, let's
- 15 assume it was not a ComEd electrician.
- 16 It was not an employee or agent of
- 17 ComEd. Would that person have access to the meter
- and the ability to tamper with or work on the meter
- in any way?
- 20 A The meters are available in the space
- 21 that's provided by the customer and certainly an
- 22 electrician would have access to the meter.

- 1 The electricians -- the meter itself
- 2 is a separate cabinet versus where the current
- 3 transformers are located. And the current
- 4 transformers are used to serve that meter.
- 5 So the current transformers are in a
- 6 locked cabinet and the electrician should not be
- 7 going into that locked cabinet without Comed's
- 8 authorization.
- 9 O And what -- when you chose to refer to that
- 10 electrical work being done in the building during the
- 11 period in question whether it's December of '92 or
- 12 whether it's at any time through, I think you note,
- 13 August of '93, you're offering the possibility of
- 14 what might explain the additional consumption, but
- 15 you really don't know, do you?
- 16 A I didn't know. And I didn't even know that
- 17 there was a fire. What I was offering when I wrote
- 18 this was that there was an electrician there at the
- 19 time that this usage was high.
- 20 And there was an electrician there
- 21 again at the time that this usage all of a sudden was
- 22 back lower than what we saw during this 9-month

- 1 period.
- I didn't know that there was a fire.
- 3 And later learned that through documents that were
- 4 provided a week ago.
- 5 The customer's panels comes after all
- 6 this metering equipment, and so the electrician can
- 7 work on the customer's panel without affecting
- 8 Comed's metering equipment.
- 9 Q Right. So an electrician who did not --
- 10 let me ask that differently.
- In your judgment, would it be proper
- 12 for an electrician who is not an employee or agent of
- 13 ComEd to do anything with the meter?
- 14 A The electrician who is not an employee of
- 15 ComEd should not do anything with the meter.
- 16 Q Okay. So if Gurtz or whoever it might have
- 17 been were acting properly on the premises, they would
- 18 have worked on the customer's side of the meter and
- 19 not meddled with the meter itself?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q Yes. If you look at page 17. And in
- 22 particular the sentence that begins on line 40 -- I'm

- 1 sorry. 444, and carries through line 447.
- 2 A Okay.
- 3 Q All right. On line 446, you're asserting
- 4 there that the missing bills would -- and I'm
- 5 emphasizing that word -- would show that a credit was
- 6 applied.
- 7 That it was a degree of certainty that
- 8 seemed a bit greater than what you had said at other
- 9 times throughout your testimony.
- 10 Do you literally mean would show or
- 11 would likely show or something less certain than
- 12 would show?
- 13 A Let me review. So I'm clear at which --
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I believe this line of
- 15 questioning in Mr. Geraghty's rebuttal refers back to
- 16 a question that was originally asked on page 16 at
- 17 around line 12 -- 412. I'm sorry.
- 18 JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. Well, I see,
- 19 Mr. Goldstein, what you're going to, I think is my
- 20 point. Where it goes to the reason for my inquiry.
- On line 423, the question that is
- 22 posed to Mr. Geraghty is quote, Why do you believe an

- 1 adjustment to the bill statement may have been made,
- 2 end quote. And now cut to line 446.
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Exactly.
- 4 JUDGE GILBERT: Line 446, and there's a greater
- 5 degree of certainty, and I'm just inquiring as to why
- 6 that is.
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And I just want to make sure
- 8 that he reads the entire context of --
- 9 JUDGE GILBERT: Sure.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I think the way I answered this
- 11 was when I have billed transcripts -- IBS billed
- 12 transcripts that they do show that an adjustment, a
- 13 bill adjustment was done for those periods where a
- 14 claim was made on a particular billing issue.
- In the case that we have here, ComEd
- 16 did not have billing -- IBS billing transcripts in
- 17 the years 1993 or 1994 that it could review for this
- 18 particular billing issue.
- 19 And when I wrote this, I felt that if
- 20 I had a bill statement for the period that was
- 21 missing that it would show that an adjustment was
- worked on that bill and credit would have appeared on

- 1 that bill.
- 2 Q Okay. I think I see the distinction. And
- 3 it seems to me to be important, but maybe it's not.
- 4 Maybe it's just my over emphasis on words, but it
- 5 seems to me what you're saying there is if a credit
- 6 indeed were granted to Americana, if that occurred,
- 7 it would appear on the bill?
- 8 A Yes, that would have appeared on that bill
- 9 that is missing.
- 10 Q But you're not asserting there with
- 11 certainty that a credit did appear on that bill.
- 12 You're saying that if a credit had been issued, it
- then would have appeared?
- 14 A That's correct.
- Okay. Page 22, I'll just ask for a
- 16 clarification on line 561. You see the word "both"
- 17 there on line 561?
- 18 A Yes, I do.
- 19 Q Did you mean that or was that maybe from
- 20 something you were saying earlier and then it wound
- 21 up not getting deleted?
- 22 A I think it should be "the". When I read it

- 1 it should say the billing was corrected by issuing a
- 2 corrected bill for the 6/12/95 to 12/12/95 billing
- 3 period.
- 4 Q Okay. Why don't we amend it then to
- 5 reflect that. Thank you. All right.
- 6 And I think my last question is on
- 7 page 25. Okay. In the paragraph that begins there
- 8 on line 622, you're talking about Meter 458?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q And then when you come down to line 627,
- 11 you say that the September '95 bill shows a previous
- 12 credit on the face of the bill for an amount there
- 13 which you say may have been the result of an
- 14 adjustment addressing the addition and subtraction of
- 15 that Meter 458 to the account.
- 16 And I just want to make sure because I
- 17 think I know the answer to my question, but I want to
- 18 make sure. In Mr. Sherer's (phonetic) testimony on
- 19 page 4 leading onto page 5?
- 20 MR. MUNSON: You have it. Oh, I'm sorry.
- 21 BY JUDGE GILBERT:
- Q All right. And I'll paraphrase what he

- 1 said just in the interest of time. I think he is
- 2 there defending the accuracy and capacity of that
- 3 meter, maybe more the capacity than the accuracy.
- 4 And so the question I had when I read
- 5 your testimony was if that Meter 5 -- I'm sorry --
- 6 458 were operating correctly and within its capacity
- 7 range, why would there have been any adjustment?
- 8 What would have caused the need for an adjustment?
- 9 A Well, I think that I state earlier that
- 10 this meter was added to the account and then later
- 11 taken off the account and then added back on.
- 12 And I think that if there was an
- 13 adjustment made, it was to deal with the issue of
- 14 this meter being initially set on the account in May
- of 1995, but then later shown on the bill statement
- 16 again as being set on the account in August of '95
- 17 and having the usage that was billed on that meter
- 18 then added to this bill and the adjustment was made
- on that bill. Go to line 598.
- 20 O Okay.
- 21 A So it reappeared on the September '95 bill
- 22 as being set on the account on 8/10. And so my

- 1 statement regarding any adjustment that was done was
- 2 because this meter was set. It was removed from the
- 3 billing. And then it was set again on the billing in
- 4 8/10/95.
- 5 Q Okay. Now, I see what you're driving at
- 6 with that statement, but that prompted another
- 7 question, I guess.
- 8 Mr. Shiffren's 1.1 shows that Meter
- 9 458 was installed 5/11/95 and again installed 8/10/95
- and replaced by Meter 081 on 3/31/97.
- 11 So what does it mean to set and reset?
- 12 I mean, wasn't 458 always there? Was it literally
- 13 physically removed or does set and reset mean
- 14 something else?
- 15 A The way I envision because I was not there
- 16 working on this account, but when I say set and then
- 17 removed what I'm referring to is the meter appearing
- on the bill statements, so that the usage on the
- 19 meter could be billed.
- 20 My view is that the meter was never
- 21 removed physically from its meter socket. It
- 22 continued to remain there during that period of time,

- 1 but it was then reset by being put back on the bill
- 2 statement as of August 10th.
- 3 Q Okay. And would that mean whatever energy
- 4 consuming items and systems were associated with
- 5 Meter 458 were for some period of time not being
- 6 accounted for through metering?
- 7 A That may be the case that they weren't
- 8 being accounted for during some period of time that
- 9 they were not being shown on these interim bills.
- 10 Is that what you mean by that issue --
- 11 Q Yes.
- 12 A -- where these bills did not have this
- 13 meter. Some of the interim bills did not have this
- 14 meter appearing on the bill, so it was not being
- 15 billed during those periods.
- 16 Q And then you went back and adjusted that or
- 17 no?
- 18 A I can't say for certain what was actually
- 19 adjusted, but it appeared to me when I reviewed bill
- 20 statements that the meter was reset on the account
- 21 and that an adjustment was done to account for the
- 22 setting and resetting of this meter.

- 1 Q Okay. And well -- I'm sorry. I'm in the
- 2 wrong time period, never mind. No, I'm not. I'm in
- 3 the correct place. All right.
- 4 Mr. Shiffren's 1.1 shows -- or
- 5 purports to show that demand during 8/10/95 to
- 6 9/11/95 was unusually large. And he shows that there
- 7 was an estimated billing. And I assume an estimated
- 8 demand; is that your understanding of it? That was
- 9 an estimate?
- 10 A He shows an "E" to the meter that we were
- 11 referring to 458 --
- 12 Q Right?
- 13 A -- which I have not reviewed the bill
- 14 itself to see if there is an "E" next to that. But
- 15 the concept that this meter was not on the previous
- 16 bill may well have prompted an estimate to be placed
- 17 next to that meter when it was put on this bill.
- 18 Q Then referring to line 628 of your
- 19 testimony, would the adjustment that you're referring
- 20 to there have been an adjustment based on an
- 21 estimate?
- 22 A And I indicate here that I'm not certain

- 1 exactly what the adjustment would have done, but that
- 2 there was an adjustment noted on the following bill.
- 3 And how that was resolved with regard to this meter,
- 4 I don't have a certainty as to exactly what was done.
- I don't have a payment transcript to
- 6 be able to further decipher what was actually
- 7 occurring right there.
- 8 Q Okay. So it may or may not have been based
- 9 on an adjustment. You just don't have enough
- 10 information in order to determine that?
- 11 A Exactly.
- 12 JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. All right. That's all I
- 13 have. And the time of day is?
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: 1:25.
- THE COURT: Well, it's just like yesterday.
- 16 Let's come back at 2:30. That's it.
- 17 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)
- JUDGE GILBERT: All right. Back on the record
- 19 for our afternoon session. And for what would be the
- 20 final section of the evidentiary portion of the case
- 21 at least with respect to the witnesses whose
- 22 testimony are already on file.

- 1 Mr. Geraghty, you have been the
- 2 subject of cross-examination by Mr. Munson. And I
- 3 asked some questions. And now we turn to the
- 4 redirect examination by ComEd, if any.
- 5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I just have a few questions,
- 6 Judge.
- 7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 8 BY
- 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN:
- 10 Q Mr. Geraghty, let's look again at your
- 11 Exhibit 1.1. And as you recall, there were many
- 12 questions asked of you with respect to this
- 13 particular exhibit; do you recall those questions?
- 14 A Yes, I do.
- 15 Q And at the top of Exhibit 1.1, there's
- 16 shown meter number installment date and meter type,
- 17 why was there only one point of service demonstrated
- 18 on this particular exhibit?
- 19 A This particular exhibit was looking at the
- 20 point of service that the metered demand and energies
- 21 both were higher than they had been in the previous
- 22 periods to this shaded area and also the periods or

- 1 after the shaded area, the bill periods.
- 2 Q And what was demonstrated or what was the
- 3 purpose of this particular Exhibit 1.1?
- 4 A My purpose for doing Exhibit 1.1 was to do
- 5 the load factor calculation that would demonstrate
- 6 that the customer's demand and energy usage were both
- 7 in line during the periods -- the billing periods
- 8 that occurred prior to the shaded area, which is the
- 9 December '92 through September of '93 and that load
- 10 factor in that period was similar to what it was
- 11 prior to them and also similar to what it was after
- 12 that 9-month period.
- 13 Q All right. And finally, Mr. Geraghty, if a
- 14 customer wanted information about his/her or its
- 15 account and requested that type of -- whatever the
- 16 type of information it is on the account from ComEd,
- 17 would ComEd provide it?
- 18 A My understanding is ComEd would provide
- 19 billing information on an account if a customer were
- 20 to request that information.
- 21 Q And would that be applicable both today and
- 22 in the 1990s?

- 1 A I believe that was applicable both today
- 2 and in the 1990s.
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Nothing else.
- 4 JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. Mr. Munson, is there any
- 5 re-cross within the scope of that redirect?
- 6 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 7 BY
- 8 MR. MUNSON:
- 9 Q Did you provide billing information on this
- 10 account to Americana?
- 11 A I am not in the billing department, so I do
- 12 not have an answer as to whether or not this
- information was requested by Americana.
- 14 I did not provide information
- 15 specifically to Americana with regard to their bills.
- MR. MUNSON: Nothing further.
- Judge, except I'd like to move for
- 18 admission into evidence Americana Cross Exhibits 7A
- 19 and 7B.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Is there objection?
- 21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No objection, Judge.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. Americana Cross Exhibit

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     7 which consists of two parts, A and B are admitted.
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                           (Whereupon, Americana Cross
                           Exhibit No. 7 A & B were
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                           admitted into evidence.)
           JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. We're back on.
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                                (Witness sworn.)
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7
                    WOODSON W. SCHERER,
     called as a witness herein, having been first duly
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     sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
                    DIRECT EXAMINATION
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                    MR. GOLDSTEIN:
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               Mr. Scherer, would you state your full name
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     and spell your last name for the record.
               My name is Woodson W. Scherer,
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     S-c-h-e-r-e-r. My address is 1919 Swift Road at
16
     Commonwealth Edison in Oakbrook, Illinois.
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               And what position do you currently hold
     with Commonwealth Edison?
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               I'm a manager of field and meter services.
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- 1 (Whereupon, ComEd Exhibits Nos.
- 2 3.0, 3.1, and 3.2 were marked
- for identification.)
- 4 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN:
- 5 Q Let me show you a document that's been
- 6 marked as ComEd Exhibit 3.0, which has a cover page
- 7 and five pages of questions and answers.
- And it's entitled, Rebuttal testimony
- 9 of Woodson Scherer. If I were to ask you the
- 10 questions contained on those five -- the following
- 11 pages of questions and answers, would your answers be
- 12 the same?
- 13 A Yes, they would.
- 14 O And attached to your testimony are two
- exhibits, 3.1 and 3.2, which are meter tests; is that
- 16 right?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 Q And those are meter tests that are kept in
- 19 the ordinary course of Comed's business as a public
- 20 utility; is that right?
- 21 A That is right.
- 22 Q And you have access to those exhibits based

- on your position with ComEd?
- 2 A Yes, I do.
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Nothing else. Witness is
- 4 available. I offer Exhibits 3.0, 3.1, and 3.2 into
- 5 evidence.
- 6 JUDGE GILBERT: Any objection?
- 7 MR. MUNSON: No, objection.
- 8 JUDGE GILBERT: All right. ComEd 3.0, 3.1 and
- 9 3.2 are admitted.
- 10 (Whereupon, ComEd Exhibits Nos.
- 3.0, 3.1 & 3.2 were admitted
- into evidence.)
- 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 14 BY
- MR. MUNSON:
- 16 Q Good morning, Mr. Scherer, Mike Munson on
- 17 behalf of Americana Towers.
- Just because a meter tested out
- 19 accurately in your shop, does not necessarily mean
- 20 that the customer was billed correctly; is that true?
- 21 A It'd be correct.
- 22 Q In fact the meter can function properly,

- 1 but a wrong multiplier can be applied thus rendering
- 2 a bill incorrect; is that true?
- 3 A Correct.
- 4 Q In fact, there are many differentiations in
- 5 billing versus metering; is that correct?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q What are some examples where there was
- 8 nothing wrong with the meter, but a customer was
- 9 misbilled?
- 10 A Well, from the standpoint, first of all,
- 11 I'm not part of the billing organization. My job in
- 12 field and meter services is to insure the accuracy of
- 13 the meters.
- 14 So when we go out to investigate, we
- 15 really don't actually know the resolve of most of the
- 16 billing issues. They're done in system billing in
- 17 the billing correction department.
- 18 Q Well, you would agree, would you not, that
- 19 a meter may read improperly. If the meter reader
- 20 double punches the demand, that would result in being
- 21 over billed; is that correct?
- 22 A If the situation were a true -- where a

- double activation of the cumulative, that could
- 2 happen, yes.
- 3 Q A meter reader may read the meter
- 4 incorrectly that could result in misbilling, correct?
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q A meter can be read at full scale resulting
- 7 in a bill demand for the meter of 100 KW when it
- 8 should have read zero; isn't that correct?
- 9 A Repeat the question again.
- 10 Q Actually, strike that question. A separate
- 11 one. A meter can test accurately in your shop, but
- 12 not necessarily the customer's site; is that correct?
- A No, it's not.
- 14 Q It's not correct. Okay. You didn't test
- these meters yourself, correct?
- 16 A No, I did not.
- 17 Q And these two meters that you provided the
- 18 results in your exhibit, those were tested where?
- 19 A At the central shop in Oakbrook.
- 20 Okay. So not at the customer site; is that
- 21 correct?
- 22 A Correct. It was at the shop, correct.

- 1 Q All right. And you don't recall these
- 2 meters being tested or never saw them. You just are
- 3 in charge and have access to the information,
- 4 correct?
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q So did you test the sensing instruments
- 7 associated with these two meters?
- 8 A Our sensing instruments are calibrated
- 9 under the Illinois Commerce Commission guidelines and
- 10 calibrated every six months and recorded and tracked
- 11 for the history of the test board.
- 12 They're traced back to a standard --
- 13 it's traced back to (unintelligible) measures. And
- 14 all the boards are audited on a regular basis by the
- 15 ICC to ensure that they're accurate and have been
- 16 calibrated and are up to date.
- 17 Q Okay. So I do appreciate that. And we'll
- 18 get back to that in a second. But with regard to
- 19 these two meters and your test results that you show,
- 20 did you test the sensing instruments with these two
- 21 meters while this was tested -- what's the date?
- 22 September 29th, 1993?

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Are you asking whether
- 2 Mr. Scherer personally tested --
- 3 MR. MUNSON: No.
- 4 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 5 Q No, whether the sensing devices were tested
- on September 29, 1993?
- 7 A The sensing devices are tested with a
- 8 controlled source not on an individual meter. So
- 9 those meters, once the test board is calibrated those
- 10 meters are tested with a certificated source inside
- 11 of the test board.
- So in other words, they were
- 13 calibrated. The meters themselves do not calibrate
- 14 the test board. The meters are merely tested at a
- 15 test location.
- 16 Q Okay. So the sensing instruments are not.
- 17 That's what you're telling me?
- 18 A They're calibrated every six months and
- 19 certified to the ICC. So in other words, when they
- 20 test the meter, it's already calibrated, the board's
- 21 calibrated.
- Q So every six months?

- 1 A Right.
- 2 Q Do you know when these sensing instruments
- 3 that are attached to these meters, when they were
- 4 tested?
- 5 A I do not have that with me.
- 6 Q Did you use the same current transformers
- 7 that was used at the site in your tests?
- 8 A Current transformers are not tested in
- 9 conjunction with the meter. They are also tested
- 10 against a known source, not with the meters.
- 11 Q Did you test the current transformers that
- 12 were attached to this meter?
- 13 A No, we did not.
- 14 O You do not know when the current
- 15 transformers were replaced at this site or if they
- 16 were; is that correct?
- 17 A I do not know, correct.
- 18 Q Were you aware that there was an explosion
- 19 that caused a fire at this facility on December 24,
- 20 1992 that destroyed the main electrical distribution
- 21 panel?
- 22 A I was not aware of it, no.

- 1 Q You are aware now, correct?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Could the CTs associated with this meter
- 4 been destroyed in that fire?
- 5 A If the CTs were destroyed in the fire, the
- 6 meter wouldn't have recorded anything.
- 7 Q Could the CTs have been damaged in the
- 8 fire?
- 9 A The CT compartment is a separate
- 10 compartment from the main switch. Typically, when
- 11 the CT compartment, if it's damaged, we would have
- 12 been called out to replace the CT metering
- 13 compartment.
- 14 If we did not -- we were not called
- out for that, it was merely -- it was assumed that
- 16 the CTs were not damaged by the fire.
- 17 Q Okay. But I'm not sure you answered my
- 18 question. I asked could the CTs have been damaged in
- 19 that fire that were associated with that meter and
- 20 then --
- 21 A I actually did not see the damage from the
- 22 fire occurred -- I mean, anything could be damaged

- due to an explosion or fire, but if you're asking me
- 2 could have been if --
- 3 Q Yeah.
- 4 A If the whole room was blown up, I'm sure it
- 5 could have.
- 6 Q Did you review Mr. Shiffren's testimony in
- 7 this matter?
- 8 A His response to my questions, yes.
- 9 Q Okay. And did you -- do you have a copy of
- 10 Exhibit 2.6, which is the Rider 7 CT Sizing Guide,
- 11 Exhibit 2.5?
- 12 A Yes, I do.
- 13 Q Is that the right number? I'm sorry.
- 14 A I don't see an exhibit number on my copy.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yeah, I believe that's 2.5.
- 16 JUDGE GILBERT: I don't have that 2.5. So
- 17 let's figure it out.
- I have seen this document. I just
- 19 don't know if it was marked as 2.5. So let's take
- 20 care of that piece first.
- 21 (Whereupon, a discussion was had
- off the record)

- 1 JUDGE GILBERT: Back on the record.
- 2 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 3 O You have Mr. Shiffren's Exhibit 2.5 in
- 4 front of you?
- 5 A Yes, I do.
- 6 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Inside is a Rider 7 CT Sizing Guide?
- 9 A (Nodding.)
- 10 Q Now, what size amp CT size was associated
- 11 with meter -- if I may use the digits 979, the last
- 12 three numbers?
- A At 300 amp CTs.
- 14 O Okay. So, first of all, it does not say
- anywhere on this sheet that there's a rating or a
- 16 safety factor of 1.5; is that correct?
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 Q And this is a 300-amp CT and 277, 480 volt,
- 19 three phase four wire, right?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q And according to this sheet, the full load
- 22 capacity of a CT of 85 percent power factor is 212

- 1 KW. And just -- the reason I bring that up was --
- 2 we'll go through the math, but that 212 is the
- 3 maximum full load capacity of that CT; is that
- 4 correct?
- 5 A What it is is a CT -- and if I may, this is
- 6 a CT sizing guide.
- 7 O Yes.
- 8 A So it's put together so to give a guide for
- 9 when customer -- when customer facilities engineers
- or people with ComEd sizing loads for customer
- 11 services.
- 12 So this is a guide for if they come up
- 13 with an X number of KW load, first install a CT, then
- 14 full maximum load capacity of this 300 amp CT is
- about 400 amps, around 317 KW.
- 16 And the reason we do that is all
- 17 Comed's equipment is built and protected so that it
- 18 survives any type of load.
- 19 Many customers in this situation when
- 20 they give us their original load sheet may give us --
- 21 what they -- a number of motors, a number of
- horsepower, may not be an exact request.

- 1 Therefore we size our equipment so
- 2 that they can handle much more than that. So
- 3 protection of both our meter and CTs.
- Q Right, but the -- you wouldn't want
- 5 consistent load on this CT over 212 KW over an
- 6 extended period of time; that's correct? Isn't it?
- 7 A We prefer not to do it, but the CT in
- 8 equipment is capable sustaining load over that.
- 9 Q For a sustained period?
- 10 A For sustained periods.
- 11 Q What happens if -- strike that. Let's go
- 12 back to that. But generally speaking, you want to
- 13 size the CT to the anticipated load; is that correct?
- 14 A That would be correct.
- 15 O And if the CT is oversized, it loses
- 16 sensitivity, correct?
- 17 A No, it's not correct.
- 18 Q That is not true. Okay. To get a
- 19 calculation of kilowatt hours, you need volts and
- 20 amps and time, right?
- 21 A Right.
- 22 Q If the meter wasn't set up for the right

- 1 voltage, it would read off by a factor of 1.73; is
- 2 that correct?
- 3 A The meter -- I actually don't understand
- 4 the question.
- 5 Q Okay. Let me try again.
- 6 A The meter is set up for the --
- 7 Q If it's not set up for the right voltage,
- 8 it would read off by a factor of 1.73?
- 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Hold on a second. Are you
- 10 referring to something specific with respect to the
- 11 exhibit or something else?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Our meter and CTs --
- 13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Wait a second, Mr. Scherer.
- 14 MR. MUNSON: The 1.73 is under -- if that
- 15 figure that is on the Rider 7 CT Sizing Guide under 3
- 16 phase or has KW times a thousand divided by volts
- 17 times 1.73 times power factor equals amps.
- 18 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 19 Q So I'm asking him if the voltage -- if the
- 20 meter is set up to the right voltage, it would read
- off by a factor of 1.73 or did I do the math wrong?
- 22 A I'd like to explain to you that the meter

- 1 in this particular one, which is a 277, 480 needs to
- 2 see phase to phase voltage at 480 and phase to
- 3 neutral voltage at 277 to record correctly and could
- 4 record accurately.
- Now, that -- there are some tolerances
- 6 inside of the meter to do that, but it's got nothing
- 7 to do with the CT sizing or the voltage. If 120, 208
- 8 is applied to the meter, it will not run.
- 9 If a voltage had 12,000 volts applied
- 10 to the meter, it will disintegrate and not run at all
- 11 either.
- 12 Q Is it possible the meter was functioning
- 13 properly, but the connecting lines were not connected
- 14 properly?
- 15 A The meter won't function and run correctly
- 16 unless the connecting lines are hooked up correctly.
- 17 O Could there have been a short someplace
- 18 that caused a wrong read?
- 19 A I can't speculate what would have happened
- 20 in that situation other than that meter was accurate
- 21 when we tested it.
- 22 Q Could the terminals be loose causing a

- 1 wrong read?
- 2 A Here, again, I can't speculate what
- 3 actually happened out there. I did not see it. All
- 4 we know is when we tested the meter, it was correct.
- 5 Q But if terminals are loose, that could
- 6 cause a wrong read, correct?
- 7 A If terminals are loose, it typically
- 8 causes -- and it's pure speculation -- a hot spot and
- 9 equipment will fail.
- 10 Q Now, with the three-phase grounded Y
- 11 connection, a line-to-line connection is 480 volts,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 O With a line to neutral connection -- and I
- 15 think this is what you were talking about before --
- the volts would be 277?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 Q If the meter is set up to read line to
- 19 line, or line to neutral, that could change the
- 20 calculations of kilowatts, correct?
- 21 A No, the meter can do either. The meter is
- 22 set up to read line to neutral or line-to-line

- 1 voltage.
- 2 Q But it would change the calculation of KW?
- 3 A The meter is calibrated at -- all I'm
- 4 saying is the meter is calibrated at 277 phase to
- 5 neutral and 480 volt phase-to-phase voltage. It
- 6 could read both of them.
- 7 So customers can pull 277 voltage off
- 8 the meter, it will record it correctly or they can
- 9 pull 480 phase-to-phase voltage off it and it will
- 10 record it correctly.
- 11 Q Okay. So let's try this again. What do
- 12 you need to calculate KW from a CT? What information
- do you need?
- 14 A Just in the form of your -- to get final
- 15 with the KW is you look at volts times amps.
- 16 Q Volts times amps?
- 17 A Times the factor of -- in other words --
- 18 the formula is right on the Rider 7 if that's what
- 19 you're looking for.
- 20 Q Right. And what I'm saying is if one
- 21 meter -- exact same amount of power is going through
- 22 the sensing device. Okay. Two different meters, one

- 1 is reading line to line, the other meter is reading
- line to neutral, the KW would be different on those
- 3 two meters?
- 4 A I don't argue that, but all I'm saying is
- 5 the meter would record it correctly; in other words,
- 6 it would have the ability to read KW line to neutral
- 7 and also line to line.
- 8 O Right. But the KWs would be different?
- 9 A Would be lower.
- 10 JUDGE GILBERT: On which?
- 11 THE WITNESS: In other words, I mean, if you're
- 12 looking at -- if you go through and figure out the KW
- 13 off 480 volt would be different than 277 phase to
- 14 neutral. So depending on what equipment's hooked up
- 15 to it, that's what it would use.
- 16 Q And so if that were the case, what is the
- 17 factor that it would be off between the 270 versus
- 18 480 volts?
- 19 A It wouldn't be off. The meter has the
- 20 ability to meter both of them simultaneously phase to
- 21 neutral and phase to phase, so there is no factor
- that's off one way or another.

- 1 So when we put in here this KW factor,
- 2 you know, it's a KW of what the meter is going to
- 3 read under full load conditions.
- 4 It can read anything down to 10 KW or
- 5 up to 320 KW accurately.
- 6 Q And my mistake, you were speaking that the
- 7 meter would be functioning properly, right?
- 8 A Which is I what I testified to.
- 9 Q My question goes to the amount that the
- 10 meter -- that the billing determinants --
- 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'd like to interpose something
- 12 at this time, Judge. I think that most of the
- 13 questions that Mr. Munson has been asking of this
- 14 witness are in the form of really hypothetical
- 15 questions.
- 16 And I would like the record to be
- 17 clear on that point; with that, he can answer the
- 18 question.
- MR. MUNSON: Is that an objection?
- 20 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat --
- 21 MR. MUNSON: Just in response, I'm allowed to
- 22 ask hypotheticals and --

- 1 JUDGE GILBERT: Absolutely.
- 2 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 3 Q Let's go back to this.
- I'm not asking whether the meter
- 5 functioned properly. I'm asking if the readings from
- 6 the meter that the customer is billed on, if it's
- 7 billed -- if the meter thought it was reading line to
- 8 line, and it was reading line to neutral, the
- 9 billings would be different?
- 10 A That's incorrect. The meter doesn't know
- 11 that it's reading line to neutral or line to line.
- 12 The measuring elements measure both equally.
- 13 Q That still doesn't get there. The
- 14 customer, again, has two meters. One, the meter's
- 15 reading line to line. One's reading line to neutral.
- 16 They get billed for the exact same usage. Do those
- 17 bills equal the same dollar figure?
- 18 A First of all, I will restate, I'm not a
- 19 billing expert. All I know is if you have two meters
- 20 side by side, one metering 277 which would be phase
- 21 to neutral, one metering phase-to-phase voltage, the
- 22 bills could be different.

- 1 They could be the same depending on
- 2 the load going through the meters, but they're both
- 3 metered accurately. I can't determine what the
- 4 actual bill would be from those.
- 5 Q All right. Now, you've reviewed -- stated
- 6 you reviewed testimony of Mr. Shiffren, correct?
- 7 A I looked.
- 8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I think he qualified that,
- 9 counsel.
- 10 MR. MUNSON: Give him one of these. May I
- 11 approach?
- 12 JUDGE GILBERT: (Nodding.)
- 13 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 14 Q My last one. What I'm handing you is in
- 15 evidence as Mr. Shiffren's Exhibit 1.1, which is a
- 16 six-page spreadsheet showing billing periods from
- 17 10/10/91 through July 12th, '91. All right.
- Now, if you look --
- 19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Are you going to ask him first
- 20 whether he actually reviewed this exhibit?
- MR. MUNSON: No.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Oh, okay.

- 1 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 2 Q From 5/13 -- the billing period beginning
- 3 5/13/93 to 6/14/93 continuing on, the demands on that
- 4 meter read 243.6. Were those demands estimated in
- 5 your opinion?
- 6 A I'm not a billing expert. And I have not
- 7 seen this spreadsheet, nor did I see the bills for
- 8 the account, so all I can tell you is that the meter
- 9 registered accurately when we tested it.
- 10 Q What is the likelihood that those
- 11 three months would register exactly the same number
- 12 of KWs?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Judge, I'm going to object to
- 14 this question. He has not laid the foundation that I
- 15 thought he would with respect to Mr. Scherer's
- 16 knowledge of the exhibit.
- 17 He said he hasn't seen this exhibit
- 18 before. This is a question that is a billing
- 19 question, not a metering question.
- 20 Mr. Scherer is here as a metering
- 21 expert, not the billing expert. This is a question
- that was better asked of another witness, and it was

- 1 not asked of that witness or if it was, there wasn't
- 2 a response. So I'm going to object to the question.
- 3 MR. MUNSON: If I may. His testimony beginning
- 4 on line 10 through 15. What is the purpose of your
- 5 testimony, To respond to metering issues raised in
- 6 the direct testimony of Mr. Shiffren regarding
- 7 electric service provided to Americana between the
- 8 dates of May 13th, 1992 through July 12th, 1999.
- 9 This is clearly within the scope.
- 10 He's brought for the purpose of refuting the claims,
- 11 and so I'm going to ask him the questions.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Judge, Mr. Scherer was merely
- 13 brought in to discuss the accuracy of certain
- 14 metering issues, which is attached to his exhibit.
- And what Mr. Munson is quoting he's
- 16 well within his right, but he is here just to discuss
- 17 metering issues not spreadsheets, which he hasn't
- 18 seen before, and which he did not review for the
- 19 purposes of his rebuttal testimony.
- 20 MR. MUNSON: And they have said that in the
- 21 testimony. This doesn't say that. I believe he said
- 22 he reviewed Mr. Shiffren's testimony.

- 1 JUDGE GILBERT: Let me rule, please. This does
- 2 have to do with the meter. It does have to do with
- 3 the measurements. I think your question may or may
- 4 not have been what I would consider a proper
- 5 question.
- And it has to do with the likelihood
- 7 of a correctly functioning meter producing precisely
- 8 the same usage nine months in a row.
- 9 If that's the question you're asking,
- 10 you can ask that -- is that the question you're
- 11 asking?
- MR. MUNSON: Yes, I think so maybe a little
- 13 different.
- 14 JUDGE GILBERT: I'm not asking --
- MR. MUNSON: No, no, no. Let me try this.
- 16 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 17 Q In your experience, do you see demands
- 18 registering the same amount three times in a row on
- 19 meters?
- 20 A Well, I'll qualify my answer. I typically
- 21 don't look at billings.
- 22 Q Is the meter incapable of repeating that

- 1 reading over and over again?
- 2 A Right.
- 3 Q I'm not sure that answered my question.
- In your experience, do you find
- 5 that -- strike that. Do you know if these three
- 6 bills were estimates?
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm going to object again.
- 8 This is this --
- 9 JUDGE GILBERT: I'll sustain it. He doesn't
- 10 need to answer this billing question.
- 11 BY MR. MUNSON:
- 12 Q Do you know if the KW or usage was
- 13 estimated resulting from those meters?
- 14 A I have no knowledge of what was done in the
- 15 billing when they put it -- all I know is that the
- 16 meters were capable of recording that.
- 17 Q Drawing your attention to lines 40 through
- 18 44, you did review the previous and current readings
- 19 over this nine-month period; is that correct?
- 20 A Can you repeat the question.
- 21 Q Did you review the testimony of Mr. Rollins
- in this proceeding?

- 1 A I don't believe I did.
- Q Okay. Well, let me try this: Let me give
- 3 you a hypothetical. Okay. Let's assume that on late
- 4 Christmas Eve or early Christmas morning, water
- 5 dripped into a vault and sparked an explosion and a
- 6 fire. The power went out for 12, 24 hours in a
- 7 condominium. Okay?
- 8 A (Nodding.)
- 9 Q Workers rushed to the scene, worked to
- 10 temporarily restore power, and then worked to
- 11 permanently restore power over the next few months.
- 12 At the time during the billing months,
- 13 when that hypothetical fire occurred, demands and
- 14 usage on one meter approximately tripled.
- Nine months later a meter was
- 16 replaced. A cumulative meter was hypothetically
- 17 replaced with a time of use meter. That exact
- 18 billing month usage dropped back down to normal,
- 19 normal historical levels.
- 20 Do you have any opinion what went
- 21 wrong with that meter or what accounts for the
- increased usage and demand?

- 1 A The only thing I can say to that is when we
- 2 exchanged that meter out, we exchanged the meter,
- 3 tested voltages.
- 4 We also checked the burden rating on
- 5 the CTs. And it's -- part of our normal process
- 6 would have been to go through and exchange the meter.
- 7 It would all be part of the process.
- 8 At that time there was nothing noted
- 9 on the account. And we brought the meter in and
- 10 tested it regularly. I have -- I really can't
- 11 speculate what might have happened during that fire
- 12 period.
- 13 All that I know is when we exchanged
- 14 that meter, our CT cabinet and meter fitting -- you
- know, obviously, the customer did not replace it, so,
- 16 you know, the only thing that I can say that it did
- 17 not affect the CT cabinet, and metering cabinet.
- I can't testify or even speculate what
- 19 might have happened neither beyond that or in front
- 20 of it.
- 21 MR. MUNSON: Nothing further.
- JUDGE GILBERT: I have a few.

1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 2 BY
- JUDGE GILBERT:
- 4 Q Take a look at your Exhibit 3.1. And I
- 5 just want to ask you to walk me through this. I'd
- 6 like you to do it in my pace in response to my
- 7 questions.
- 8 And I would like you to try to do
- 9 this: As I have found technically knowledgeable
- 10 persons especially in this context and especially who
- 11 work in a fairly large company tend to have a lot of
- judges, tend to assume everyone around them knows
- 13 what they're talking about, assume that I do not.
- 14 As I think it was Denzel Washington
- once said in a film, Treat me as if I'm 4 years old.
- 16 A All right.
- 17 I was just going to ask you, the
- 18 exhibits I have are actually not numbered. Which
- 19 meter number is 3.1?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: 979.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Thank you.

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- 1 BY JUDGE GILBERT:
- 2 Q All right. Let me ask questions because
- 3 that will help me work at my pace, and hopefully
- 4 understand what you're telling me.
- 5 A Okay.
- 6 Q Now, what I'm looking at I assume is a
- 7 printout of information as it appeared on a computer
- 8 monitor, correct?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q All right. Now, if you look at the word,
- 11 "close" and then next to it it says, "curr slash
- 12 hist". That's c-u-r-r slash h-i-s-t, obviously,
- 13 standing for current and history?
- 14 A Mm-hmm.
- Q What does that mean? Why are those two
- 16 designations even there?
- 17 A We have a shop system that controls and
- 18 keeps the test data, so that when the ICC comes to
- 19 audit, we can show them both previous tests on the
- 20 meters and current tests on the meters, so it keeps a
- 21 history of the meter test.
- Q Okay. And why does it say -- well, let me

- 1 ask it this way: You drew this off your computer in
- 2 preparation for this litigation, correct?
- 3 A Correct.
- 4 Q So why would there be a current reading at
- 5 all because this is really an old meter?
- 6 A These particular meters are still being
- 7 used in service today. I don't know if this
- 8 particular one is, but this type of meter is.
- 9 Q Okay. And so the test that was relevant to
- 10 this litigation would be the one that's highlighted
- in black on that line?
- 12 A Correct. Correct.
- 13 Q And then with the information that was part
- of that particular test, which is the last in that
- 15 series, would that be found where it says, "page 2 of
- 16 3"; that refers to that particular test?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 Q Okay. That test occurred in '93. It looks
- 19 like it. And I have no idea what the significance of
- 20 this would be, but it started at 9:07, and it ended
- 21 at 9:08?
- 22 A Correct.

- 1 Q Is that a standard thing? This is a one
- 2 minute test?
- 3 A Basically, what it is is the ICC stipulates
- 4 X number of percent of seconds for a test. The test
- 5 port is setup to be within the ICC guidelines to
- 6 simulate that through the meter.
- 7 Q Okay. And something that would run
- 8 one minute is within those guidelines?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q All right. And then it refers to full load
- 11 and light load, which you also referred to in your
- 12 testimony. What is the difference between full load
- 13 and light load?
- 14 A What full load does is each meter has a
- 15 maximum capacity for test amperage. And what it does
- 16 is -- self-contained meter is -- most of them are 30
- 17 amp. Test amperages would be full load. One tenth
- 18 of that would be three amps.
- In this particular meter, it's a
- 20 two-and-a-half amp meter because it hooked to current
- 21 transformers, the transformers we talked about.
- So the full load would be passing two

- 1 and a half amps of current through the meter against
- 2 the measuring standard of the machine.
- 3 The light load would be passing a
- 4 quarter amp of current through, so the meters are
- 5 able to measure both a trickle as well as a maximum
- 6 load in the meter.
- 7 Q Okay. And then the percentage you get; for
- 8 example, under full loads 99.91, that's the
- 9 percentage of the standard?
- 10 A The meter to the standard.
- 11 Q Right.
- 12 A In other words once the standard is
- 13 calibrated, and then the meter tests against that
- 14 standard. And if the meter is a hundred percent to
- 15 what the standard is, it's a hundred percent.
- 16 If it's nine-tenths slow, that's what
- 17 that one particular one is.
- 18 Q Okay. When it says, In limits, the
- 19 question -- it indicates, I guess, that the meter was
- 20 in limits?
- 21 A Right. It says either out of limits or in
- 22 limits. So the Commerce Commission gives us plus or

- 1 minus one percent of the meter. If the meter tests
- 2 within that, the test port prints out that the meter
- 3 tested in limits.
- 4 Q Okay. Thank you. Americana Exhibit 2.5 is
- 5 not your exhibit, but I think this a neutral question
- 6 with respect to that formula here in the lower
- 7 right-hand quadrant of the page, it refers to P. F.
- 8 What is P. F.?
- 9 A Power Factor.
- 10 Q Okay. And what is the 1.73?
- 11 A It's a calculator that is in the formulas.
- 12 I do not know the explanation of it.
- 13 Q Okay. But we know it's not a power factor
- 14 since they're two separate --
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 O -- elements there?
- 17 A Correct. It's not the power factor.
- 18 Q And then V is voltage?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q All right. On page 2 of your testimony,
- 21 there is a sentence that begins on line 42 and runs
- through line 44; you see that?

- 1 A Mm-hmm.
- 2 Q All right. How do you know what you said
- 3 there to be the case? That's not part of testing the
- 4 accuracy of the meter, is it?
- 5 A No, but as you see when we were talking on
- 6 the reading -- on the test previously, the dial
- 7 reading is entered into the meter test.
- 8 O Yes. I see that.
- 9 A So what we do -- so in other words when we
- 10 tested it within limits -- and this is the take out
- 11 read of the particular meter -- it shows a
- 12 progressive read from when it was installed, so it
- 13 shows the meter was running.
- It doesn't exactly look at what the
- 15 billing stuff is, but then, you know, as we -- as I
- 16 went through the testimony, we looked up to see that
- 17 the progressive read was in line with what the take
- 18 out read was.
- 19 O And you were able to determine the previous
- 20 and current readings and whether they conformed for
- 21 each of those nine months; is that what you mean
- there? From month to month you were able to

- 1 establish that they conformed to each other?
- 2 A As I put my testimony together, and we
- 3 tested the meter, you know, we shared the test
- 4 results with the team as we were looking at what the
- 5 previous and current reads were.
- 6 And I'm not a billing expert, but as
- 7 we read through it and looked at the take out read to
- 8 what the read was when it was in, it was my
- 9 understanding based on the accuracy of the meter that
- 10 the readings were correct.
- 11 Q Okay. I may not have asked specific enough
- 12 questions. That answer may have been fine, I'm just
- 13 not clear on it.
- 14 I'm looking at Mr. Shiffren's Exhibit
- 15 1.1, and I see nine highlighted items here with
- 16 respect to this Meter 979. I think that's what
- 17 you're talking about. And that the nine months
- 18 you're talking about begin 12/12/92, that bill
- 19 period; is that correct?
- 20 A Yes, the highlighted ones begin 12/12.
- 21 Q Okay. So those are the nine months you're
- talking about in your testimony on page 2?

- 1 A Well, these are actually the kilowatt
- 2 hours. These are not the actual watt hour reads.
- 3 These are the KW reading. This is the watt hour take
- 4 out read.
- 5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Judge, I think -- not that I
- 6 mean to interject, of course, but I think the answer
- 7 lies on lines 42 and 43 where he talks about the
- 8 previous readings correctly matched the current
- 9 readings from the prior bill period.
- 10 And your question is more all
- 11 encompassing for the nine month period, and I do not
- 12 believe that in response that Mr. Scherer covers that
- 13 nine-month period.
- 14 JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. And that's exactly what
- 15 I was asking.
- 16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And I think that's why you're
- 17 confusing the witness.
- 18 JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. Well --
- 19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Or he is confused or I'm
- 20 confused or somebody's confused.
- 21 BY JUDGE GILBERT:
- Q Well, what is that referring to then? The

- 1 previous reading matched the current readings from
- 2 the prior bill period? At what point in time are you
- 3 talking about there?
- 4 A When we test -- when we pulled the meter
- 5 out and tested it -- and we had the take out read --
- 6 it matched what the bill was billed for on the take
- 7 out read.
- 8 Q Meaning in September of '93?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: May I?
- 11 JUDGE GILBERT: No. Let me go.
- 12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay.
- 13 BY JUDGE GILBERT:
- 14 O All right. Did you look at as part of your
- 15 analysis the previous and current readings between
- 16 these two intervals or as part of your analysis, did
- 17 you look at the previous and current readings for the
- 18 following interval: Between the billing periods
- 19 November 12th, '92 to 12/12/92 and 12/12/92 to
- 20 1/13/93?
- 21 A It was my understanding when I answered
- 22 this that the take out read matched the take out read

- 1 and the kilowatt hour usage matched, meaning that the
- 2 read on the meter actually matched what was taken
- 3 out.
- And so therefore, just looking at the
- 5 reads. I did not calculate demand, and I did not go
- 6 into that part of the bill.
- 7 Q Okay. I didn't ask you about demand.
- 8 A Right.
- 9 Q The take out read -- now, that's not
- language that appears here on lines 41 to 44?
- 11 A You're right. You're right.
- 12 Q And I'm just trying to understand it.
- 13 A When I said reading I was looking at the
- 14 reading that's on the -- the test of the meter.
- 15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Could we, Judge, define what
- 16 the term take out read means?
- 17 JUDGE GILBERT: Sure. Sure.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Take out read means when the
- 19 meter was removed from the field that was the reading
- 20 that was recorded.
- 21 And then we also recorded that read
- 22 when we tested the meter. It gets inputted into the

- 1 system, if that's what you're talking about.
- 2 BY JUDGE GILBERT:
- 3 Q Okay. The take out read is a KWh reading?
- 4 A Correct. Correct.
- 5 Q And you're saying that the take out reading
- 6 when you removed the meter in September of '93,
- 7 matched what?
- 8 A In other words matched the reading on the
- 9 bill.
- 10 Q And that's all you're saying there?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q All right. Would you know then from your
- 13 analysis -- if you look at these periods: First
- 14 period is 11/12/92 to 12/12/9s, second period
- 15 12/12/92 is 1/13/93, would you know if the left and
- 16 found readings were the same?
- 17 A I would not.
- 18 Q Okay. So all you're testifying to with
- 19 respect to the accuracy -- or not accuracy. I'm
- 20 sorry -- the consistency between previous and current
- 21 readings --
- 22 A Correct.

- 2 September -- or for September of '93 and what you saw
- 3 on the meter itself?
- 4 A Correct.
- 5 Q And you're not making any statement with
- 6 respect to the month-to-month readings from December
- 7 of '92 through September of '93?
- 8 A I am not sure this is the only valid
- 9 reading I have, and that was what I was basing it on.
- 10 Q Thank you. You've cleared that up. Thank
- 11 you. Okay. If you look at page 3, line 53, there
- 12 have been some discussion there of your choosing the
- 13 rating factor of 1.5 as you state there.
- 14 Could you explain what that is and
- 15 could you explain why you chose that?
- 16 A Part of the spec when we purchased the
- 17 equipment from the manufacturer -- this was a general
- 18 electric CT, was that we -- and part of their design
- 19 factor is to also protect their equipment. So part
- of our thing is when we buy 300 amp CTs, we have a
- 21 safety rating factor of 1.5. It's on all our current
- 22 transformers.

- 1 And that's basically to protect the
- 2 equipment, the meter and CTs from having overloaded
- 3 situations and failing in the field.
- 4 Many times, you know, as I stated
- 5 earlier, customers put together their load letter and
- 6 explain what they're going to have. And when we --
- 7 once the equipment is installed, many times it
- 8 becomes much different.
- 9 So our equipment we value greatly, so
- 10 the reading factor and as a safety factor is built in
- 11 to all the equipment. Now, we don't give that rating
- out when they size a particular CT because then they
- 13 would just push that particular instrument that much
- 14 higher.
- And it's just a -- we do that in all
- of our equipment, all of our current transformers.
- 17 Q Is the 1.5 rating factor something
- 18 recommended by the manufacturer or is that a policy
- 19 adopted by ComEd?
- 20 A It's actually recommended by the
- 21 manufacturer to protect their equipment.
- 22 Q 1.5?

- 1 A Right. And the larger voltage transformers,
- 2 it's actually a little bit lower because, you know,
- 3 when you go into 34,000, 12,000 volt transformers,
- 4 it's only like 1.25.
- 5 And -- but on the smaller current
- 6 transformers, the metering ones because they're
- 7 directly connected to meters, typically, they want
- 8 those to be able to withstand a higher continuous
- 9 load without failing.
- 10 O Okay. I think my last question -- let me
- 11 make sure. I don't want to give you a promise I
- 12 can't keep. Yeah, I think my last question is: Same
- 13 page, page 3, top of the page, line 47, you say there
- 14 that general failures in electromechanical meters
- 15 cause the meter to stop or slow down. What do you
- 16 mean by general failures?
- 17 A Well, any type -- let's put it this way:
- 18 The electromechanical meter has a magnetic disk
- 19 suspension with a -- what happens it has the tendency
- 20 as age, dirt and debris will build up into the
- 21 bearing and generally slow the meter down as it comes
- 22 with age.

- The meter will come out and do 100
- 2 percent new, if it's 10 years old, if it's 20 years
- 3 old. Now, it can be compensated for when we test it
- 4 and adjust it to still be, you know, within limits,
- 5 but what it is is they actually -- as they grow in
- 6 age, they slow down as they go -- as they get older.
- 7 O Okay. And so this sort of general
- 8 degradation with age is what you mean by general
- 9 failure?
- 10 A Correct. Correct.
- 11 Q Okay. Are there --
- 12 A If there is an electric failure, it usually
- 13 opens the potential coil in the meter, which stops
- 14 the meter. The one where the general degration (sic)
- 15 where it will fail over time from age or use, it will
- 16 actually slow the meter down to the point where --
- 17 you know, I mean, and it's not a dramatic thing, but
- 18 it starts to slow as age creeps in, electrical
- 19 failure would cause an open situation inside the
- 20 meter and stop it recording, but the majority of the
- 21 failures we've seen, electromechanical, are due from
- 22 age, wear, and dirt inside the meter.

- 1 Q Okay. And it's that latter category that
- 2 you're referring to when you say general failure?
- 3 A Yes. Yes.
- 4 JUDGE GILBERT: All right. Thanks very much.
- 5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You have a few minutes?
- 6 JUDGE GILBERT: Of course.
- 7 REDIRECT-EXAMINATION
- 8 BY
- 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN:
- 10 On cross-examination, Mr. Scherer,
- 11 Mr. Munson asked you a question about level punching.
- 12 And my question to you is: When there would be a
- double punch on the meter, does it automatically
- double the demand and usage on the meter?
- 15 A Double punch can occur from failure in
- 16 the -- for whether it'd be vandal or read a second
- 17 time by a meter reader, but it only double punches
- 18 the demand. It does not double punch the kilowatt
- 19 hour usage.
- 20 Q And in your review of the metering in this
- 21 case, did you find any evidence of double punching?
- 22 A In this case it appears that both demand

- 1 and kilowatt hour usage increased that the meters saw
- 2 both.
- 3 Q And finally there was some question asked
- 4 of you by Mr. Munson with respect to the fact that
- 5 the meters were tested in shop versus tested in the
- 6 field. Would there be any difference in the testing
- 7 in shop versus a field test of the meters?
- 8 MR. MUNSON: Objection. Foundation.
- 9 JUDGE GILBERT: Overruled.
- 10 THE WITNESS: In the field a customer can
- 11 request a field test. We have the same calibrated
- 12 standard that we calibrated for our test boards.
- 13 We won't come out to a particular test
- 14 site. We'll isolate the meter from the customer's
- 15 load and put a known induced load from this standard
- 16 into the meter and measure its measuring elements
- 17 against the known calibrated load.
- 18 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN:
- 19 Q And so whether it's tested in shop or
- 20 tested in the field, the results would be the same,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A Same process, correct.

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Nothing else.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Recross?
- 3 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 4 BY
- 5 MR. MUNSON:
- 6 Q The results would be the same process for
- 7 the meter specifically, correct?
- 8 A Correct, which is what I testified to.
- 9 Q Right, not necessarily to the connecting
- 10 equipment or to the CTs, correct?
- 11 A If we do a field test, we also verify that
- 12 the CT -- everything is -- in other words we go
- 13 through and check everything.
- 14 O But you didn't do a field test here. This
- 15 was brought back?
- 16 A We were not requested to do a field test.
- 17 MR. MUNSON: May I ask a question in response
- 18 to your questions?
- 19 JUDGE GILBERT: No.
- 20 MR. MUNSON: Okay. Nothing further. Thanks.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Scherer.
- Does that complete Commonwealth

- 1 Edison's evidentiary case?
- 2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.
- JUDGE GILBERT: Okay. I think all our exhibits
- 4 are marked and hopefully correctly marked. All
- 5 right. So I think we can mark our evidentiary record
- 6 heard and taken.
- And now, we can move to the question
- 8 of briefing, and let's go off the record.
- 9 (Whereupon, a discussion was had
- off the record.)
- 11 JUDGE GILBERT: Back on the record. We had a
- 12 constructive conversation with the parties about
- 13 briefing schedules. And they have decided that -- I
- 14 have decided that the initial briefs will be filed by
- 15 close of business February 13th.
- 16 The prior briefs close of business
- 17 March 2nd. And after I circulate an administrative
- law judge's proposed order, the parties will have two
- 19 weeks to file simultaneously their exceptions in a
- 20 single round of exceptions.
- 21 Anything else the parties want to
- 22 discuss on the record today?

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         MR. GOLDSTEIN: No.
        MR. MUNSON: Those dates are in 1998 (sic)?
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        JUDGE GILBERT: Yeah. We've kind of moved the
     clock -- no, 2007 when we'll all be a little bit
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